

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Rice Problems

THE Civic Association has attempted to strike a balance between Government's proposed new rice importation scheme and the ideal of completely free trading and the solution—the Singapore scheme—appears a logical and sensible move towards putting rice trading in the Colony on a far sounder basis. Their findings require thorough study by the authorities before existing plans are allowed to proceed any further. Promotion of any scheme designed to bring prices down to economic levels, however, constitutes only half the answer to the question, and wider considerations have to be brought into focus to give the overall picture a dimensional effect. Not only is there need for a correction of existing trading procedures in the Colony but there is at present a state of chaos in the marketing organisations in at least two South-east Asian countries, Burma and Siam, which, if allowed to continue unchecked, can only lead to a crisis in food production and supply in this part of the world in the not too distant future. In short the success of any new trading scheme in the Colony depends to a large extent on external factors which at the moment give no promise of a satisfactory solution. Siam still has rice from the 1951-52 harvest lying rotting in Bangkok warehouse, rice for which she is asking boom prices although most of it is not fit for human consumption. Both Siam and Burma have in the past had their revenue (for the State sale of rice is their principal source of income) on selling a fixed tonnage to regular importing countries and fixing the price as high as it will go—a rather strange and short-sighted policy. They should be trying to sell more at lower prices to get the same amount of revenue. For experts believe the present rice surplus may last for as long as ten years. Not only is there a danger that Burma and Siam—if they continue to pursue present policies—will earn disavowal among their Southeast Asian neighbours who rely on these imports of rice, but they face the internal predicament recently emphasised by Prime Minister U Nu of Burma: unless the country's existing stocks are rapidly cleared the Government will find it hard to get the money to buy the new harvest from farmers. Since rice experts concede there is virtually no way of "stabilising" consumption and production of rice, the major Southeast Asian exporters would be better advised to adopt a more flexible price policy related to the laws of supply and demand. Such a policy offers good chances of success for the prospects are that India and China with their growing populations will be forced to import greater supplies in the years ahead.

ENGLAND ALL OUT FOR 296

And The Highlights:

Century By May Tail Wags Merrily

Sydney, Dec. 21.

The England team was all out in the second innings for 296 just before tea in the second Test in Sydney today leaving Australia 223 runs to get for an outright win in just over a day's play.

When play resumed today, England was 204 for four wickets. But the wickets of May, Edrich, Evans, Tyson, and Wardle crashed one by one until at 250 for nine wickets, tail-enders Statham and Appleyard (both bowlers) took hold of the Australian bowling and battered it all around the Sydney cricket ground.

In about an hour the two added 46 runs for the last wicket before Statham was caught by wicket-keeper Langley off the bowling of Bill Johnston for 25 runs. Appleyard was not out 19.

Peter May scored a century in the first over of the day when he hit a four off Lindwall. He went out two runs later.

Reuter reports: Peter May, 98 overnight, crowned a grand batting display on the resumption of the second Test match this morning by reaching his century with a two off Lindwall's second ball. May took 26 minutes for his 100, which included ten boundaries. It is his highest score against Australia and, in the opinion of commentators, his best because he came through when England most badly needed runs.

Play was suspended at the end of Lindwall's over—the first of

the day—because of a driving rain, and England was 209 for four when the teams retired to the pavilion.

WICKET PERFECT

Play was resumed after a 16-minute interruption. Commentators said the wicket looked perfect and still full of run, though perhaps more favourable to batsmen than at any other time in the match.

But the sky was cloudy and a gusty wind was blowing across the field.

Edrich was bowled by Archer in the last over of the morning after he had made 29 in a scratchy innings.

By dismissing Peter May and Edrich Australia had again assumed a dominant position at lunch.

ONLY 28 RUNS

At the interval England was 232 for six—an addition of 28 runs to the overnight score of 204 for four.

Tyson retired hurt after scoring one run when, turning his back to a ball from Lindwall which lifted unexpectedly, he was hit on the head and slumped on the pitch. After first-aid he was assisted off the field by ambulance men.

Reuter.

B.E.A. Engineers Report For Work

London, Dec. 20. Most of the 315 British European Airways engineers dismissed on Friday for staging a protest meeting in working hours reported today to ask for their jobs back.

The engineers were sacked by Mr. Peter Massfield, chief executive of B.E.A. because they attended a mass meeting during working hours "in flagrant defiance of orders."—Reuter.

'Keep Calm' Plea

Athens, Dec. 21. King Paul of Greece called on Greeks last night to keep calm over the Cyprus issue. In a broadcast on the United Nations decision to shelve Greece's request for self-determination for the British colony, he declared: "The temporary disappointment should not make us short-sighted."

If the allies had forgotten Greece's sacrifices for them, "the best way to remind them is for us to remember their own sacrifices for Greece." "Such sacrifices are carved on the many British graves in Greece."—Reuter.

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10-Year Old Mother



Pretty, blonde, diminutive Felicia Delgado Gomez, daughter of a humble farm worker, only ten years old, has given birth by caesarean operation, to a 5lbs. 12ozs. baby boy, in the hospital of the United Fruit Company, Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.

Four leading obstetricians travelled the 100 miles from San Jose to Puerto Limon by aeroplane to assist at the birth. Felicia is only 4ft. 4ins. tall. Three days after the operation she was able to sit up in bed but preferred to play with her doll (Margaria) which had been given to her by one of the doctors rather than with her own baby.

The United Fruit Company furnished all medical attention and services gratis.—London Express Photo.

'One Man, One Wife,' She Says 'Campaigning Cleopatra' Arrives In Colony

Madame Doria Shafik, visiting Egyptian suffragette, thinks it is wrong for any man to have more than one wife.

President of "Daughters of the Nile" Association and known all over the world as the "Campaigning Cleopatra", Dr. Shafik landed at Kai Tak this morning by PAA aircraft from Tokyo in the course of an 80-day world tour for the cause of Egyptian women.

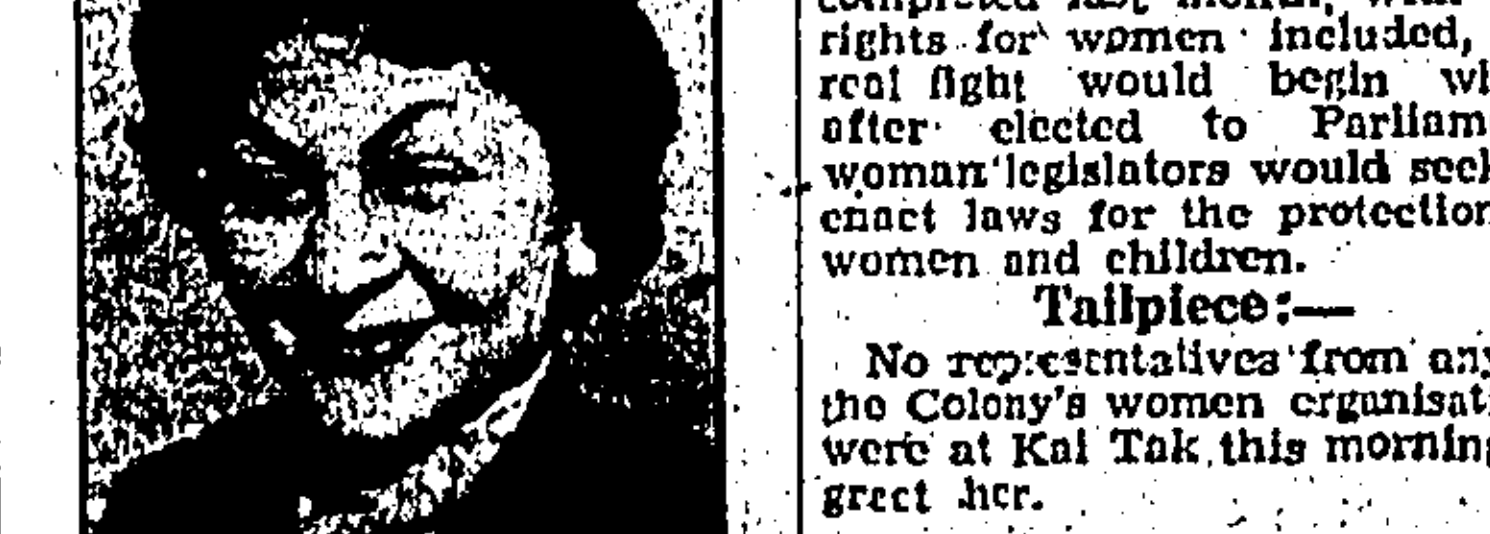
Having visited most of the countries in Europe and America prior to her arrival here, Madame Shafik will next visit India and Ceylon as state guest.

rights for women in the teaching of the Koran, she added. And equal rights for women is the cardinal aim of the "Daughters of the Nile", a movement Madame Shafik started in 1928. Three years later she led 1,000 Egyptian women to storm the Parliament but their demands were rejected by King Farouk. In March this year, she led a hunger strike which was called off on the eighth day only when Government promised to accord full political rights to her compatriots in the new Egyptian Constitution.

THE REAL FIGHT

Madame Shafik pointed out that even though the draft of the new Constitution had been completed last month with full rights for women included, the real fight would begin when, after elected to Parliament, women legislators would seek to enact laws for the protection of women and children.

Talpien:—No representatives from any of the Colony's women organisations were at Kai Tak this morning to greet her.



MADAME SHAFIK

Commenting on polygamy, she quoted the Koran, she said: "You may have two, three, or four wives, if you are equal between them, but you will never be equal between them even if you try."

That, as propounded by the great Egyptian religious leader, Sheikh Mohamed Abdou, must be interpreted as meaning equal

Defence Commission Favours Postponement

NEW PLEA BY DEPUTIES TO DELAY DEBATE

Paris, Dec. 20.

The National Defence Commission today voted in favour of postponing a National Assembly debate on the Paris agreements rearming West Germany.

Radical deputy, M. Vincent Badie, said for the Commission that the treaties reconstituted a German Army without sufficient control and that prohibition of certain armament was not firm enough.

His Commission, therefore, wanted a delay in the debate until these and other points were cleared up and until the last chances of negotiation had been used up.

Premier Mendes-France, from his bench, said he agreed with the speaker.

M. Vendroux said the Paris treaties should be ratified once the Saar agreement had been ratified by both signatories.

M. Mendes-France faced the most crucial test on his six months as chief of the French government tonight when the National Assembly launched its debate on ratification of the Paris Agreements on West European defence.

The debate on ratification followed a victory for the government—by a surprisingly comfortable majority—on the highly controversial Indo-China budget issue. The vote of confidence on Indo-China, which took the form of an acceptance of M. Mendes-France's Indo-China budget, was 310 to 172.

Last Friday, the Premier suffered his first parliamentary defeat when the Assembly rejected the government's first Indo-China budget. The confidence vote was on a modified version of the budget.

BUDGET BALANCE

The cuts were originally planned to be completed a year later by June 1957.

The decision was made after intervention in Army budget planning by President Eisenhower, who is faced with the task of getting as near as possible to a balanced 1955-56 budget by the end of the year.

In answer to questions Mr. Wilson estimated that military spending for the current year would be reduced by about \$250 million. (\$28,285,000).—Reuter.

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BRITAIN SEEKS LIMIT ON NUCLEAR TESTS

London, Dec. 20.

Britain will propose the limitation of experimental nuclear explosions, well-informed circles reported here today.

The British Government will suggest this limitation, which will apply to the hydrogen bomb and the strategic atomic bomb, at the meeting of the United Nations Disarmament sub-committee in London, early next year, these circles added.

NOT PROHIBITION

It was pointed out that the move was simply one of "limitation" and not "prohibition," which was considered impracticable at the present time.

The British Government merely envisaged an agreement between the United States, the Soviet Union and the Commonwealth to limit nuclear "experiments" to a minimum.

IN WASHINGTON

The Weekly News magazine, U.S. News and World Report, published a report on the Japanese Government's refusal to accept the limitation of nuclear tests.

The article reviewed their experiences and summed up their plight as follows:

"All of the fishermen who survived are now sterile. The one who died after seven months succumbed to damage by radioactivity, primarily to the liver. Of the badly injured, all have liver ailments now."

Future delayed ailments are expected to appear caused by radioactive substances now lodged in the bodies of the survivors.

"Present condition of the survivors appears to vary for no accountable reason."

"Damage by radioactivity from the fall-out 'apparently has been limited in the general region of the Pacific' as the Japanese Government claims, as well as the Soviet Government and the United States."

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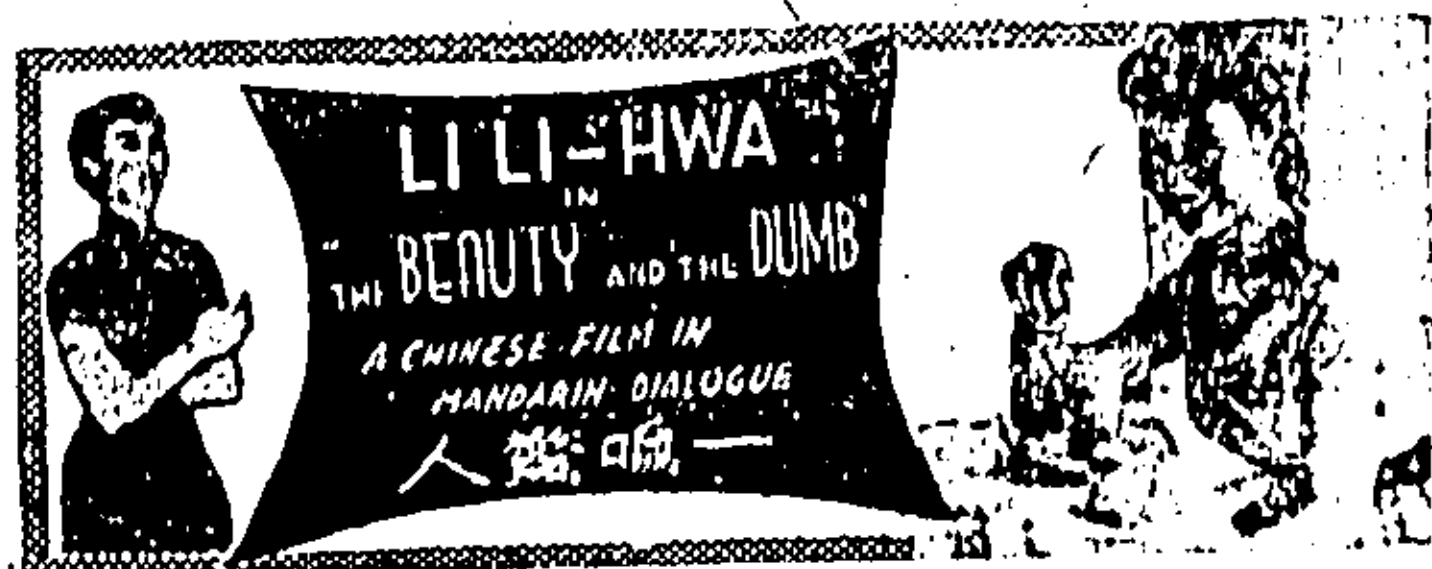
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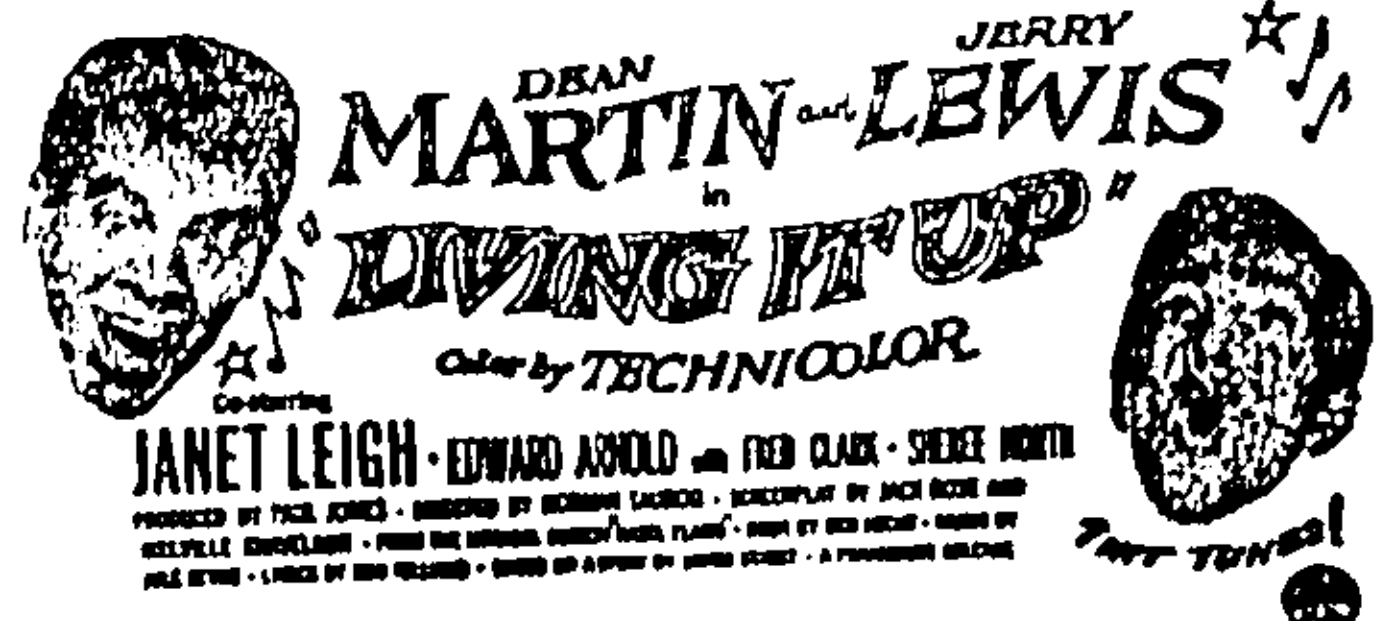
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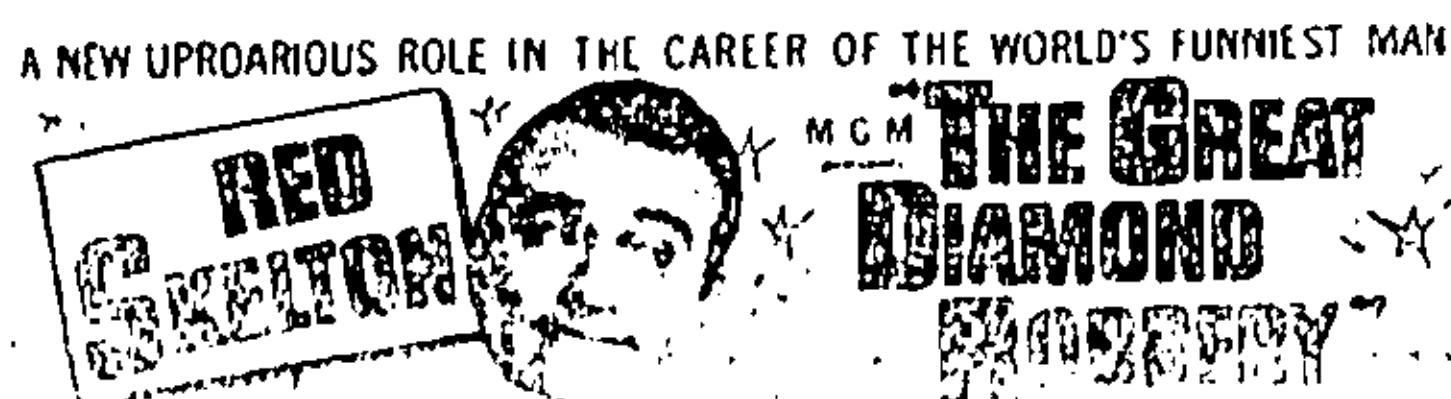
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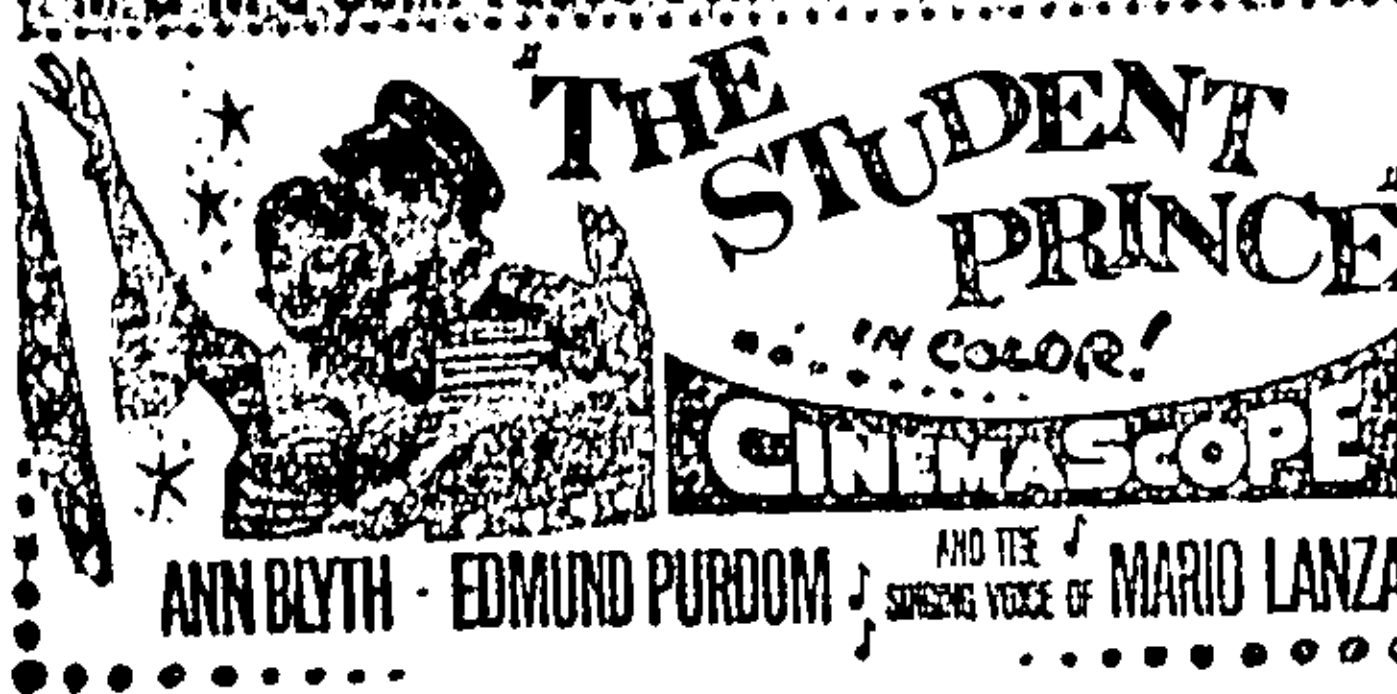
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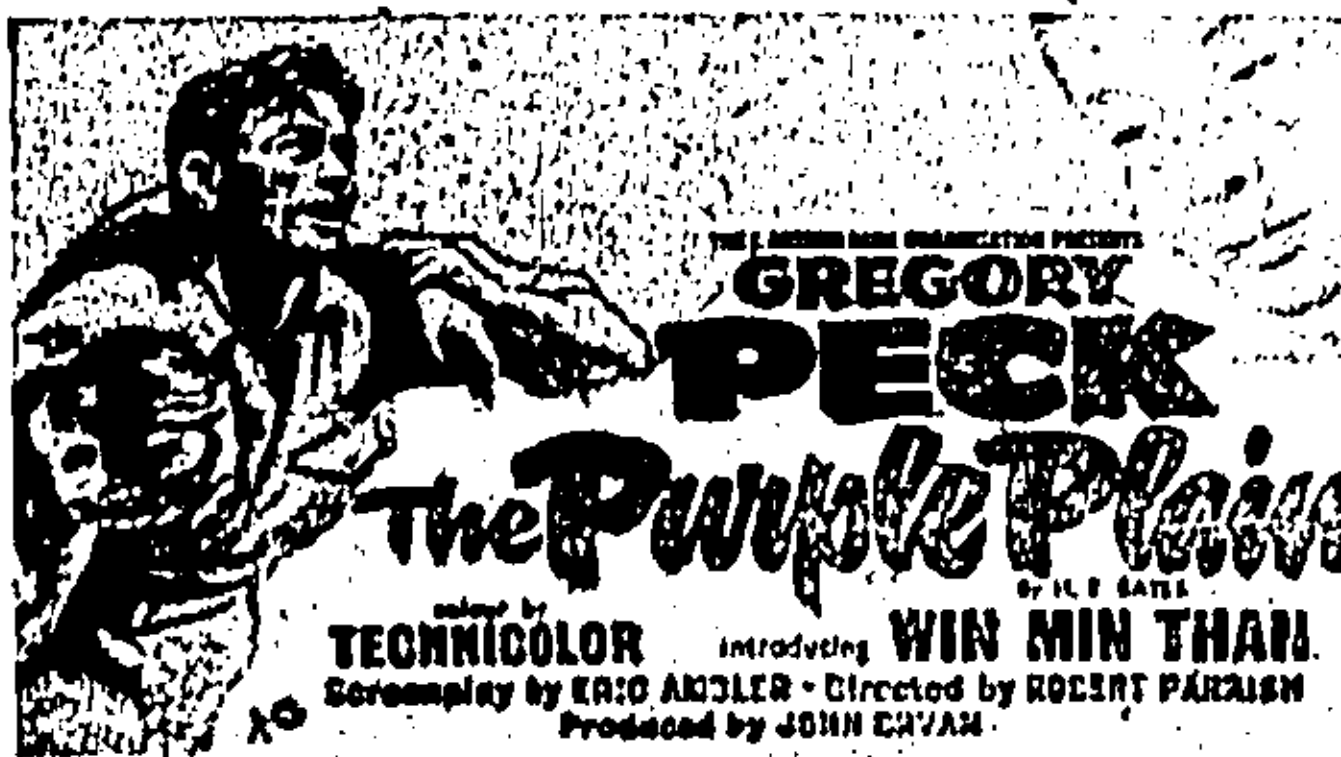
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**END OF THE WORLD****DUKE AT SMITHFIELD SHOW**

It was a proud moment at the Smithfield Show at Earls Court, London, for Eric of Upper Barr, when he was tickled on the nose by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke, touring the exhibition, paused to admire and fondle this fine entry among the Galloway Steers.—Reuterpholo.

Investigation Into Homosexual Activities On Campus

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 20.

A former geography professor who served as student counsellor testified today that a "number of girls" at Florida State University came to him "in tears and threatening suicide" because of homosexual activities on the campus.

Professor Robert Leathers told the acting Governor, Mr. Charles Johns, that he was "concerned" about the widespread practice of sex perversion at the school.

Prof. Leathers, who started an investigation of Florida State University's athletic policies, said the athletic director, Howard Danford—a 200-pound former football player—"blacked" his eye over the alleged inquiry into University sports.

But the University accused the little professor, a short, scholarly-looking man, of "immorality and vulgarity" in the classroom and of making a girl student write a paper on homosexuality on the FSU campus to improve her grade in geography.

Governor Johns interrupted Prof. Leathers' testimony to ask what the college was doing about the homosexual problem. "Nothing that I know of except once in a while to kick out a faculty member or a student as a horrible example," said Prof. Leathers.

He admitted he had known faculty members who were dismissed for homosexuality.

He denied that he had asked a girl student to write a paper on the subject. He said the student, who he said was from Pensacola, came to him with a problem too embarrassing to discuss. "I suggested to her that she let down the points she would like to discuss but she never did and I had no further discussions about it," Prof. Leathers told the Governor.—United Press.

Reshuffle Of Libyan Cabinet

Tripoli, Dec. 20.

The Prime Minister, Mustafa ben Halim, arrived today in a special U.S. Air Force plane, carrying a Royal Decree reshuffling the Cabinet.

The decree, dated December 19, lists Ben Halim as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

The others were: Ibrahim ben Shaban, Defence Minister; Dr. Ali Ghazal, Finance Minister; Abdel Rahman Gaud, Justice Minister; Mustafa Serraj, Education Minister; Mohammed ben Othman, Health Minister; Ali Sahill, Communications Minister (previously President of the Cyrenaica Executive Council); Salem Agdi, Minister of National Economics.

Another Royal Decree issued today appointed Khalil Banani acting Chief of the Royal Diwan, replacing Fathi Abideyan, who was transferred to the Foreign Office.—United Press.

IN 1955 Doctor Claims Contacts In Outer Space**CHICAGO THREATENED BY TIDAL WAVE TODAY**

Chicago, Dec. 20.

Dr Charles Laughhead, who predicts the end of the world by 1955, said today that a last-minute check with informants in outer space had "confirmed" that tidal waves and earthquakes would engulf Chicago and the Middle West tomorrow.

Dr Laughhead expects the massive upheavals may extend to the East and West Coasts as well.

The Chicago Weather Bureau was unimpressed. It issued routine, humdrum forecasts for cloudy and chilly weather tomorrow.

A forecaster said no tidal waves were expected, but then "we don't have any friends in outer space".

CAREFREE

Chicagoans generally also appeared carefree and unworried by any impending doom as they went about their Christmas shopping in droves. One enterprising tavern owner scheduled an "end of the world" party.

Dr. Laughhead, 44-year-old physician who lost a \$10,000 a year job at the Michigan State College Hospital for his predictions, said he had "no details" on exactly what time or where the upheavals would take place.

But he said Chicago was supposed to catch the brunt of destruction, which will be the forerunner to the complete wreckage of the world next year.

He has credited the predictions to Mrs Dorothy Martin, 63, who claims she is in communication with "connoisseurs" in outer space who can foretell the future.

Dr. Laughhead said Mrs Martin made the 11th hour check with the "connoisseurs" and learned

there had been no change in plans for tomorrow.

PLANS UNCERTAIN

The tall, ascetic-looking physician refused to reveal his own plans for meeting disaster—whether he would remain in the city or take to the hills. He said all he could say was that his plans were "very uncertain from now on".—United Press.

Balloon Shot Down

London, Dec. 20.

Fighter planes shot down a Royal Air Force balloon trailing 3,000 feet of cable as it drifted over the sea from England today, heading for Europe.

The balloon had broken away from the base at Aberporth, North Wales, early this morning and travelled rapidly across country.

Newspaper phones began to ring as the mysterious "flying saucer," twinkling in the sunshine, swept across the blue sky above at a height of 10,000 feet.—Reuter.

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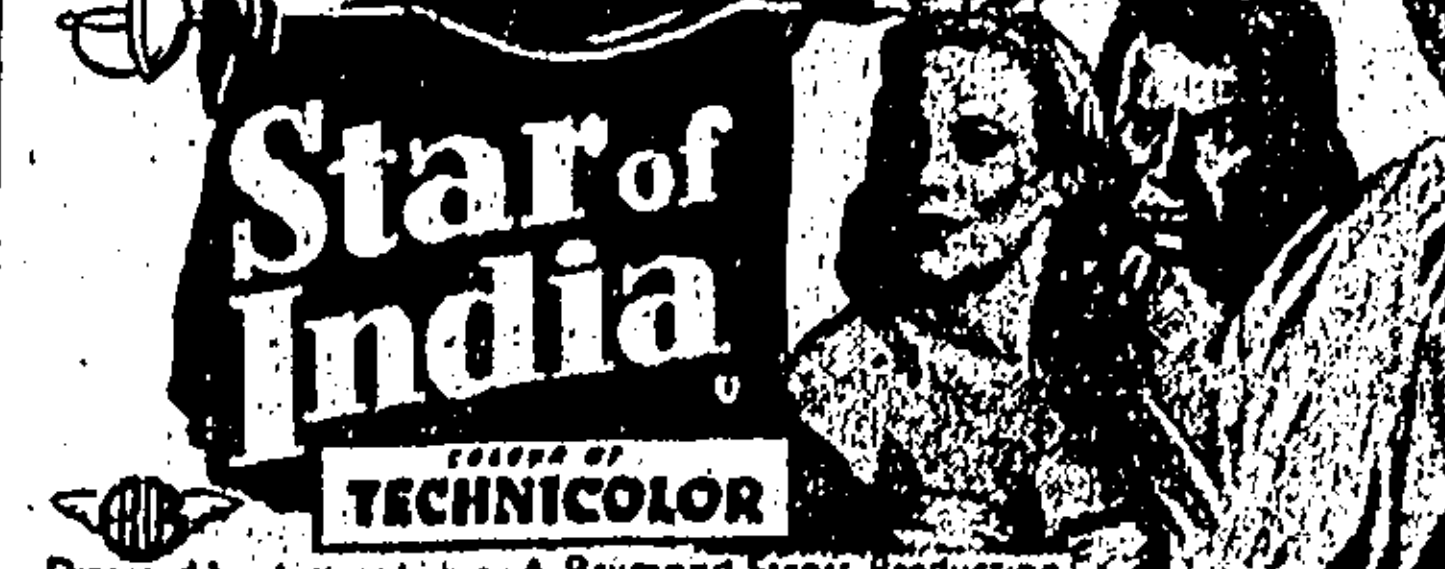
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ATOMS FOR PEACE PLAN

American Business Men And Scientists Set Up Organisation

Detroit, Dec. 20.

A group of American business men and scientists set up an organisation today to try to put President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan into effect.

Mr Walker Cislir, president of Detroit Edison, who will head the new organisation, said it was hoped the organisation would be the forerunner of similar groups in other countries that eventually would lead to an international organisation to push development of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Kenya Police Chief Resigns

Nairobi, Dec. 20.—The Kenya Government today announced the resignation of Colonel Young, Kenya Police Commissioner and a British subject, who was expected to leave.



COL. A. YOUNG

Kenya at the end of this month. He would be succeeded by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Collins.

The announcement said: "The reason for Colonel Young's resignation are differences of opinion between himself and the Kenya Government over matters of policy."—Reuter.

Nairobi, Dec. 20.—Mr. Mau Mau leader, George K. K. K. has been charged with possession to appeal against the death sentence passed on him at Mombasa last month for illegal possession of a revolver and ammunition, it was announced today.

The Judge of the East African Appeal Court dismissed an application for appeal against the sentence and the death sentence by two Africans, who were dealt with at the same time as Kaleda—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Gourmets (8).
- 7 Secret (5).
- 8 Gather together (8).
- 10 Chest (6).
- 13 Earnest (7).
- 15 Part of a necklace (4).
- 17 Advanced in years (7).
- 18 Set free (7).
- 20 Parished (4).
- 21 Abrasive (7).
- 22 Occur (6).
- 27 Essay (5).
- 28 Vigorous (8).
- 29 Put back (8).

DOWN

- 1 Missiles (5).
- 2 Twilio (5).
- 3 Rub out (5).
- 4 Ship's company (4).
- 5 Plunderer (8).
- 6 Stable (6).
- 9 Accent (10).
- 11 Equestrian (5).
- 12 Suffered continuous pain (5).
- 14 Booses (5).
- 15 Commenced (5).
- 16 Foreign (6).
- 18 Beam (8).
- 19 Passenger ships (6).
- 22 Stagers (5).
- 23 Stop temporarily (5).
- 24 Remains (5).
- 25 German, Christian name (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Schorn, 5 Saved, 8 Uppet, 9 Raptor, 10 Nomad, 11 Divan, 12 Eels, 13 Tests, 16 Mordor, 18 Orator, 20 Tenet, 22 Dull, 23 Salad, 25 Staid, 26 Tanned, 27 Doves, 28 Alter, 29 Shield. Down—1 Sergeant, 2 Napoleon, 3 Tired, 4 Apricot, 5 Senator, 6 Alones, 7 Exact, 14 Remains, 15 Excluded, 16 Maitre, 17 Rotates, 19 Reside, 21 Exile, 24 Dada.

Nazareth Ceremony



Catholics of Nazareth and Northern Israel held special ceremonies and High Masses to mark the 100th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and the end of the Marian Year. The ceremonies included a torchlight procession through the streets of Nazareth to the Church of the Annunciation. A ceremony for a new Church has been laid for the Annunciation—the Church is expected to be the largest in the whole of the Middle East. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Alberto Gori is pictured taking part in the ceremonies.—Express Photo.

Girl Strangled: Two U.S. Sailors Held

Newport, R.I., Dec. 20.

Two sailors faced arraignment in District Court today on murder and accessory charges in the strangling of a pretty 16-year-old Sunday School teacher who had urged the public to be "kinder to sailors."

Terrier Lived Month In Fox-Hole

Rochdale, England, Dec. 20.

A four-year-old terrier, which disappeared down a fox-hole, has returned to its owner, farmer Bill Gammon, after being missing 32 days.

The terrier, named Peggy, is believed to have lived on food brought in to the hole by foxes during its time underground. Another dog disappeared into the hole with Peggy. "We dug away tons of earth trying to reach them," Mr Gammon said, "and then we gave them up for dead."

The hole is believed to lead into a maze of old mine workings under the moors near here. "We are now redoubting our efforts to find the other dog," Mr Gammon added.

"He might still be alive and existing on food he steals from the foxes." —China Mail Special.

Stalin Peace Prize For Pritt

Moscow, Dec. 20.

One of the 1954 Stalin international prizes awarded for "outstanding services in the cause of peace" announced here today goes to Mr Dennis Pritt, the English barrister who defended Jomo Kenyatta, in the Kenya Mau Mau trials.

Other prize winners include the Burmese writer Takin Kodo Hmaling, the Helsinki University professor, Dr Felix Iversen and Professor Pri Iono of Djakarta.

The French poet Luis Aragon was on the selection committee, together with the Soviet academician Dimitri Skobeltzin and the Chinese writer Kuo Ko-je.—France-Press.

A Chief Constable blames crime on U.K. 'soft' schools

Blackpool, Dec. 20.

Britain's schools are too soft. The "spare the rod" policy is not helping the police to check the crime wave, said the Chief Constable of Lancashire, Colonel T. E. St Johnstone, to an area conference of 100 probation officers at Blackpool.

"It is not suggested that our educational system has in any way encouraged children to commit crime," he said, "but it may well be that reluctance to administer corporal punishment in schools has had a detrimental effect."

"It is essential that firmness and properly applied discipline should be maintained in the schools if the child is to be accepted into normal society, and it is felt that the educational system today is falling to some extent in this respect."

Of Britain's homes Colonel St Johnstone said: "There is no doubt that a good deal of the crime committed at the present time is due to the manner in which parents are bringing up their children."

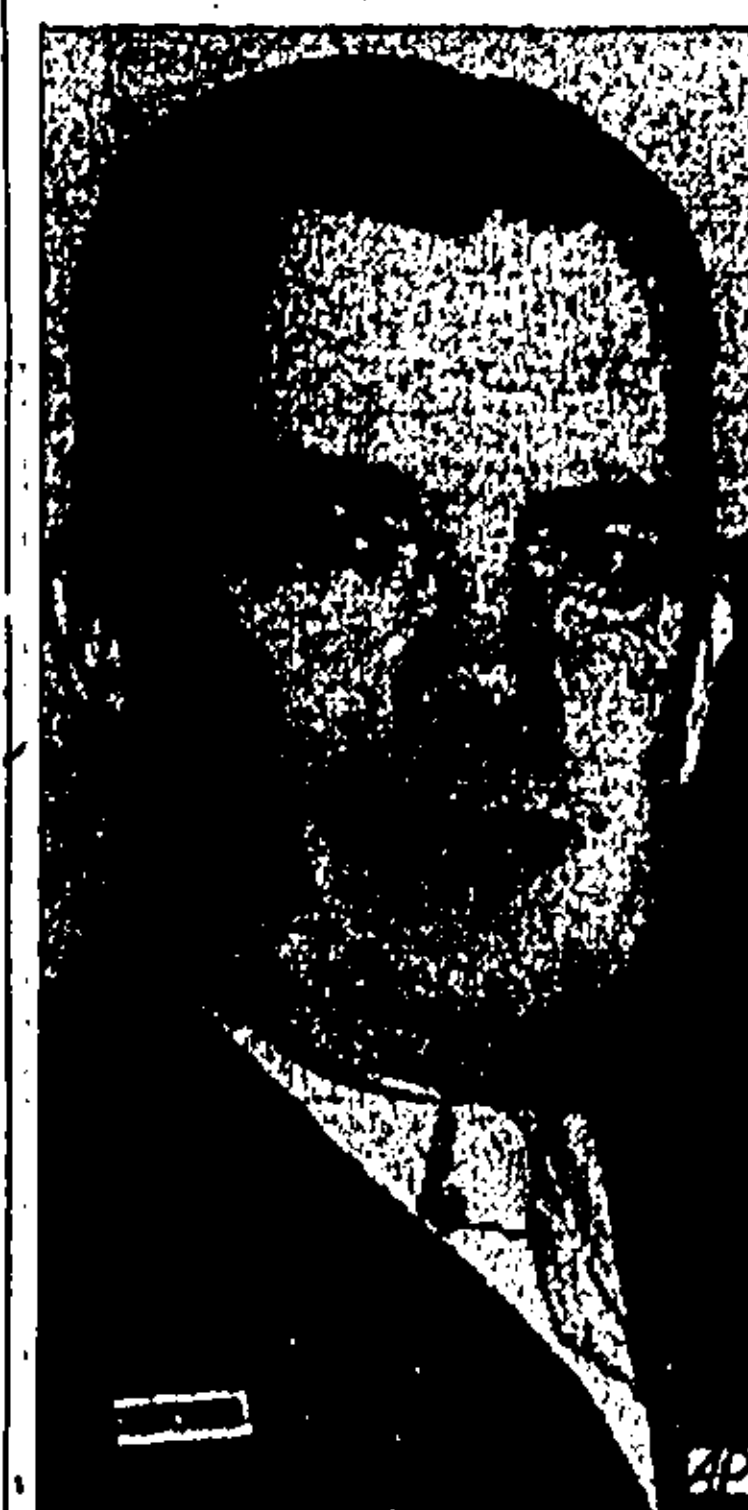
Children, too, often relied on their misbehavior being provided for them, and many crimes were committed for personal gain such as getting money for the pictures. "I believe schoolmasters and mistresses hold a special responsibility in relation to the problem."

Bulge Hero To Command U.S. Army In Europe

Washington, Dec. 20.

Lt-Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, famed hero of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, today was named Commanding General of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Gen. McAuliffe will succeed Gen. William M. Hoge, a combat veteran of both World Wars and Korea. Gen. Hoge will retire from the Army at the end of



LT-GEN. ANTHONY
McAULIFFE

The man who said "Nuts" to the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge.

January after more than 38 years of service.

Gen. McAuliffe, now Commander of the Seventh Army in Germany, will be succeeded in that post by Lt-Gen. Henry I. Hodes, now Commanding General of the Seventh Corps in Europe. No successor has been named for Gen. Hodes.

Gen. McAuliffe won fame during World War II when he replied "nuts" to a German demand that he surrender his troops at Bastogne during the Bulge.—United Press.

London, Dec. 20. A design of an 80 feet high tapestry by Mr. Graham Sutherland, painter of the controversial birthday portrait of Sir Winston Churchill, was approved today by officials of Coventry Cathedral.

The tapestry, which may take three or four years to complete, will hang on the eastern wall of Coventry's new Cathedral.—China Mail Special.

Fighter Will Break Sound Barrier In Climb

Paris, Dec. 20.

France will next year have an interceptor fighter capable of breaking the sound barrier in a vertical climb, the French aircraft designer M. Leduc announced today.

He said that the plane known as the Leduc 022 and called the "flying stove pipe" would be able to reach its interception position at 14,000 metres (42,000 feet) in two and a half minutes.

The plane is a development of the Leduc 021 which has already been thoroughly tested.

The plane is driven by a new type of power unit known as "thermo-propulsion," in which the thrust is provided by burning gases.—France-Press.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

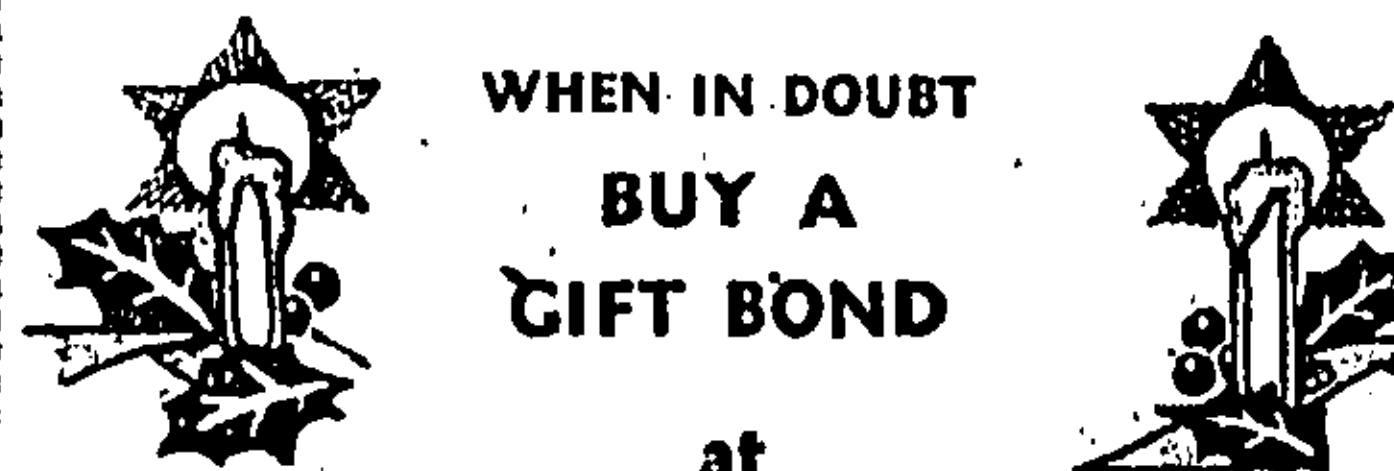
By Robert L. May



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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

LORD RAVENSBLOOD, smiling suavely, took the butt of a cigar from behind his ear, placed it in his mouth, struck a match on the seat of his pin-striped trousers, and touched a button on his desk which released 74,031,456,000,000 gallons of water in the Wye Valley. "What have you done?" cried Esther Hollister. For answer, the haughty peer puffed a spiral of Havana fragrance towards the ceiling, and through the open

Psychomom

THE suggestion that trained psychoanalysts should form a kind of shock-corps to deal with sales-resistance is one that pleases me immensely. Acting on the theory that people who refuse to buy a product only refuse because they are longing to buy it, these business psychiatrists will probe the subconscious reactions of their victims by scientific sales talk blended with questions designed to uncover the dormant motivational urge-complexes of purchasers. But what I hope to see is a psychoanalyst trying to persuade a psychiatrist to buy something he doesn't want to buy, and therefore really does want to buy, but does not want to buy.

Tin Jottings

TODAY'S hand looks as though it might have been taken out of a book, but it was dealt and played recently in the national championships in Washington. Low Mathe, the Los Angeles bridge master, saw the chance for a brilliancy and took full advantage of it.

West opened the three of spades, and Mathe played the king from the East hand. South played low, and Mathe continued with a low spade to declarer's queen.

Declarer naturally decided to go after the diamonds. If entries to both hands had been plentiful he might have led to the ace of diamonds first, and then returned to his own hand in order to lead a second diamond towards the queen. Such a play might have limited the diamond loss to one trick.

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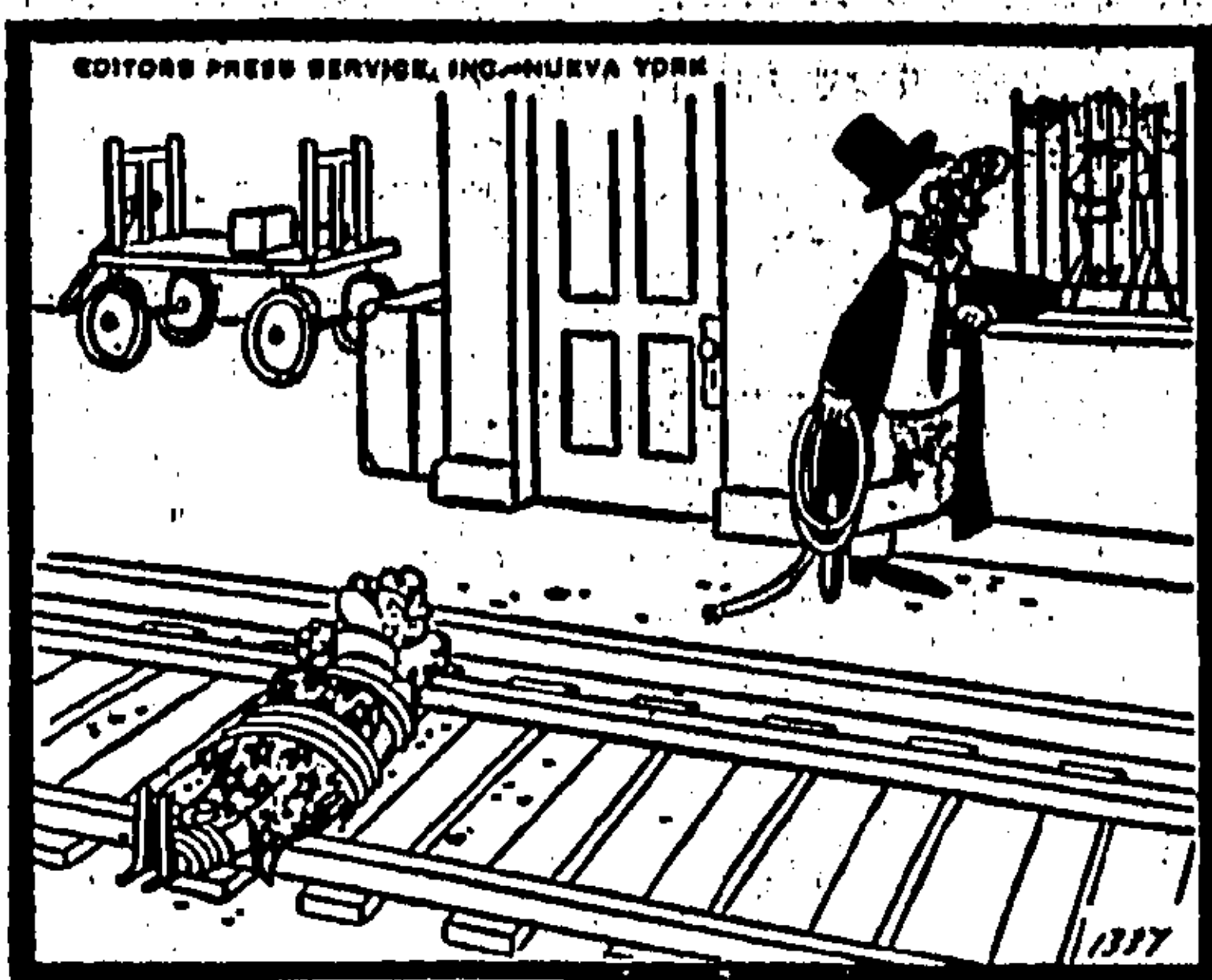
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"I wonder if I could have a train schedule, please?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, you have a lavish, expansive personality. You like to do things in the grand manner and always think up new and different methods to change the status quo. Although unconventional in your methods of working for your ideas, once your objective has been reached, you may revert to a conventional attitude. This is disconcerting to those who have known you in your more liberal-minded days. In fact, you will need to guard against becoming too automatic. You have a ray disposition, but are apt to superimpose a severe, didactic personality over this which submerges your real self and makes you overbearing. You are also a chronic "worryer." And the more you worry, the more strict you become with those who work with you. Naturally intuitive, you are apt to become superstitious as well. This is something you must guard against, for it could lead you down the wrong path when making important decisions. Learn to be master of your own fate, not the victim of a fate you may imagine.

Among those born on this date are: Dimrell, statesman; Albert (Hungerford), author; Laura D. Birdman, educator; Irene Du Pont, inventor and manufacturer; David L. Brainerd, explorer; Joseph Stalin, former Russian premier.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

ARBITRARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—Take advantage of the early morning hours to make progress, for things may slow up when afternoon comes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—This can prove another fine day for all your efforts, so take a positive, constructive attitude toward things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fine day to make future plans especially if they involve some financial or business venture in prospect.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The ruler of your sign is smiling broadly in your direction, and so quickly to consummate important plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Morning hours are especially advantageous for business prospects, especially if in retail selling.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—One of those so-so days when you should just take things as they come. High-pressure techniques are out of place.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Develop a new idea now and it should bring you excellent financial returns. All business efforts are favored.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—A creative idea in the arts or sciences may be the making of your future. See that it is presented to the boss!

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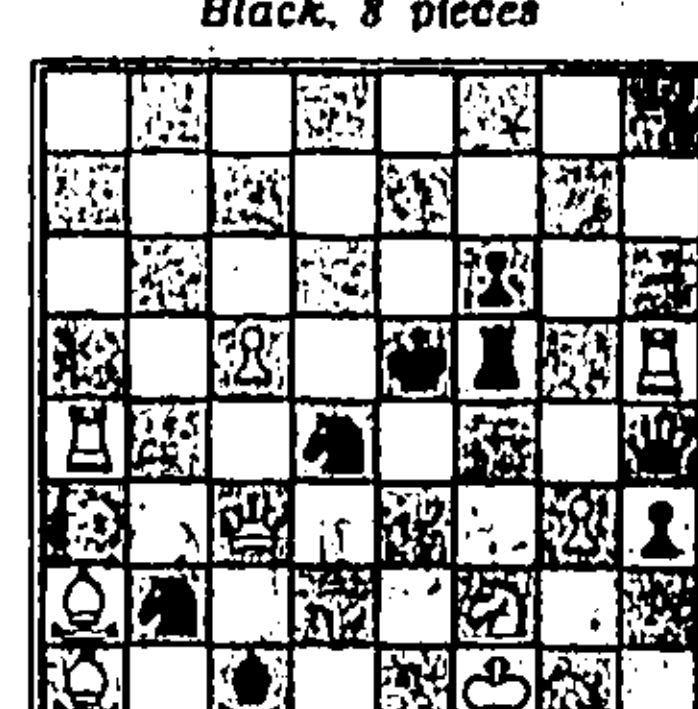
This is an original headpiece worn by one of the models at the Saint Catherine's Day which is celebrated every year in Paris by spinners of 25 and over.

Household Hint

When threading a machine-needle, hold a piece of white paper under the needle and this snickling little job will be easy.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. GUILBOT.
Black, 8 pieces



White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Q-B4, any; 2, Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

By ALICE DENHOFF

IT'S time to make cookies, aromatic, spicy, delicious Christmas cookies. Here are some good ideas to add to your holiday baking recipe file, beginning with delectable Orange-Ginger Cookies.

Orange-Ginger Cookies
To prepare about 36 1½-in. cookies, cream ½ c. shortening until soft and fluffy. Add 1 c. sugar gradually and beat until light and creamy.

Add few drops orange coloring and work in 1 egg, beating well. Sift together 2 c. sifted flour, 1½ tsp. ground ginger, 2 tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt. Add alternately to shortening mixture with 2 tsp. orange juice. Add 2 tsp. grated orange rind, blending well. Chill 1 to 2 hrs., or until firm. Roll on lightly floured board ¼-in. thick. Cut into rounds or into fancy shapes. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake at 375° F. 8-10 min. or until lightly browned. Watch carefully since these burn easily. Cool.

Date and Nut Bars

Nutmeg Date and Nut Bars are as fine a holiday cookie as we have sampled, with a true Christmas flavour.

For 32 bars, combine, mixing well, 1 beaten egg, ¾ c. sugar, ¼ c. molasses, ¼ c. shortening, melted. Sift together 1 c. sifted all-purpose flour, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. soda and ½ tsp. ground nutmeg; stir into egg-sugar mixture. Blend in ½ c. chopped nuts and 7-oz. package mixed dates, chopped fine. Line a 8x8x2-in. pan with waxed paper, grease lightly. Bake at 350° F. 40 min. or until done. Turn out on wire cooler; remove paper.

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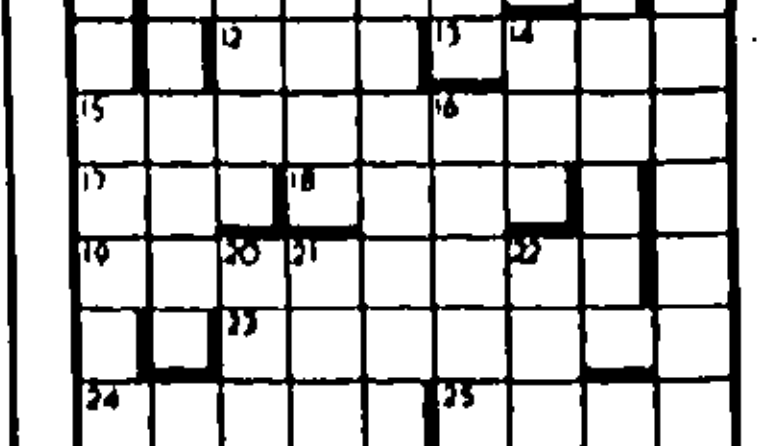


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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Blinky Mole is Very Happy

—He Thinks It's a Beautiful World—

By MAX TRELL

BLINKY MOLE was sitting on the steps just outside the back door of his house under the stump of the old apple tree. As usual, he was wearing his dark glasses. Blinky's eyes couldn't stand the sunlight. The sunlight made them wink and squint. That's why he wore the dark glasses.

A Mole's Ditty

But Blinky felt fine. He hummed a song to himself. Just then Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about nose, came along. "Good morning, Blinky," Knarf greeted him.

"Ah, top-of-the-morning to you, Knarf," answered Blinky. "Sit down for a minute and have a talk if you're not too busy."

"What are you going to do today, Blinky?" Knarf said after he sat down.

"That's hard to say," said Blinky. "I might do lots of things. I might dig a bit more in my tunnel. I might go down to the pond and visit Old Croaker the Frog. I might visit Squared. I might do lots of things. Only I've just decided to sit here and do nothing."

Knarf said that was a nice thing to do when you didn't have anything else to do.

"I haven't," said Blinky. "I've finished my work. I was just about to ask Chippy to bring up a dish of acorn tea. How are things going on over at the house?"

"Fine," said Knarf. "Children all well?"

"Yes, everyone is well."

Planning A Party

"That's wonderful. I'm glad to hear it, Knarf. Oh, Chippy? Hello, down there!" he suddenly called down to the chipmunk. "Will you bring up some tea and come and join us? Knarf is here! We'll have a little party."

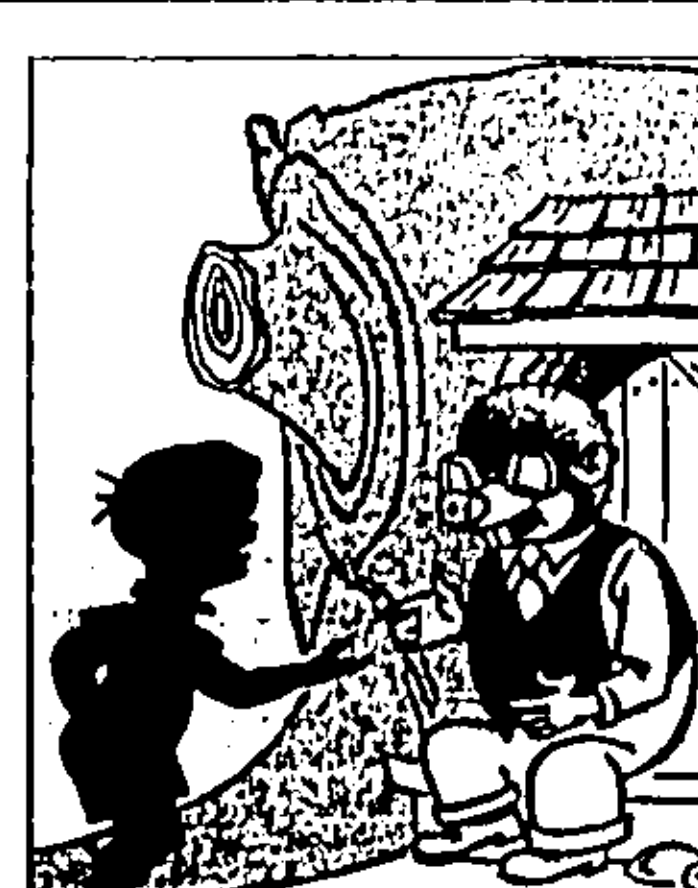
"Right away, Blinky!" Chippy called up from the underground house. "I'll put the kettle on the fire!"

"You know," Blinky went on to Knarf, "I've been thinking of what a lovely old world this is. There's plenty to eat for everybody—plenty of room—plenty of good friends to say good day to—plenty of more friends to sit down with for a quiet chat over a cup of tea."

Blinky was silent for a moment or two. He took off his dark glasses and looked out at the sunlight for just a second, then put the glasses back on again.

"And lots of work to keep busy over," he went on. "That's the important thing—keep busy at your work! I never did know a good creature who didn't have lots of work to do. And of course, when the day's work is done, you're entitled to sit down and rest and think about things and talk about things."

There was a sound of foot-steps and Chippy came up with the teapot and cups and saucers and sugar and milk.



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Blinky looked over. "Yes, a beautiful old world, isn't it, Chippy?"

"Sure is," said Chippy. "I wouldn't trade this little piece of world that I live in for anything! Would you, Chippy?"

"I sure wouldn't," said Chippy. "Would you?" Blinky asked Knarf.

Knarf shook his head. "I wouldn't either," he said. "I think this is a wonderful world."

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A SHORT LIST FOR THE CUP—WATCH PRESTON, CHELSEA AND WOLVES

By TOM FINNEY

Preston North End for the Cup! You would scarcely expect any other forecast from any member of a First Division side in reasonable form. I have no doubt Billy Wright of the Wolves, Len Shackleton of Sunderland, Alf Sherwood of Cardiff, and others would give you a similar confident forecast for their own clubs.

But Preston have every right to be among the top favourites—more so than last season, when we fought our way into the final to be beaten by West Bromwich Albion. Our defence has a much better record now, and only four First Division sides have conceded fewer goals than we have.

The Marston, our Australian centre-half, has become one of the best in his position in the country. George Thompson, our goalkeeper, has played for the England "B" team and is in real form.

Willie Cunningham, at right-back, has captained Scotland. Joe Walton, our left-back, you may remember, won a Victoria International Cup for England in 1951. All playing brilliantly in the wing half backs, Tommy Docherty was in Scotland's team and Willie Forbes has been on the verge of winning a Scottish cup.

LUCK OF THE DRAW

Before anyone says the Preston forward line is not what it used to be, find that they have scored more goals than any other side in the First Division.

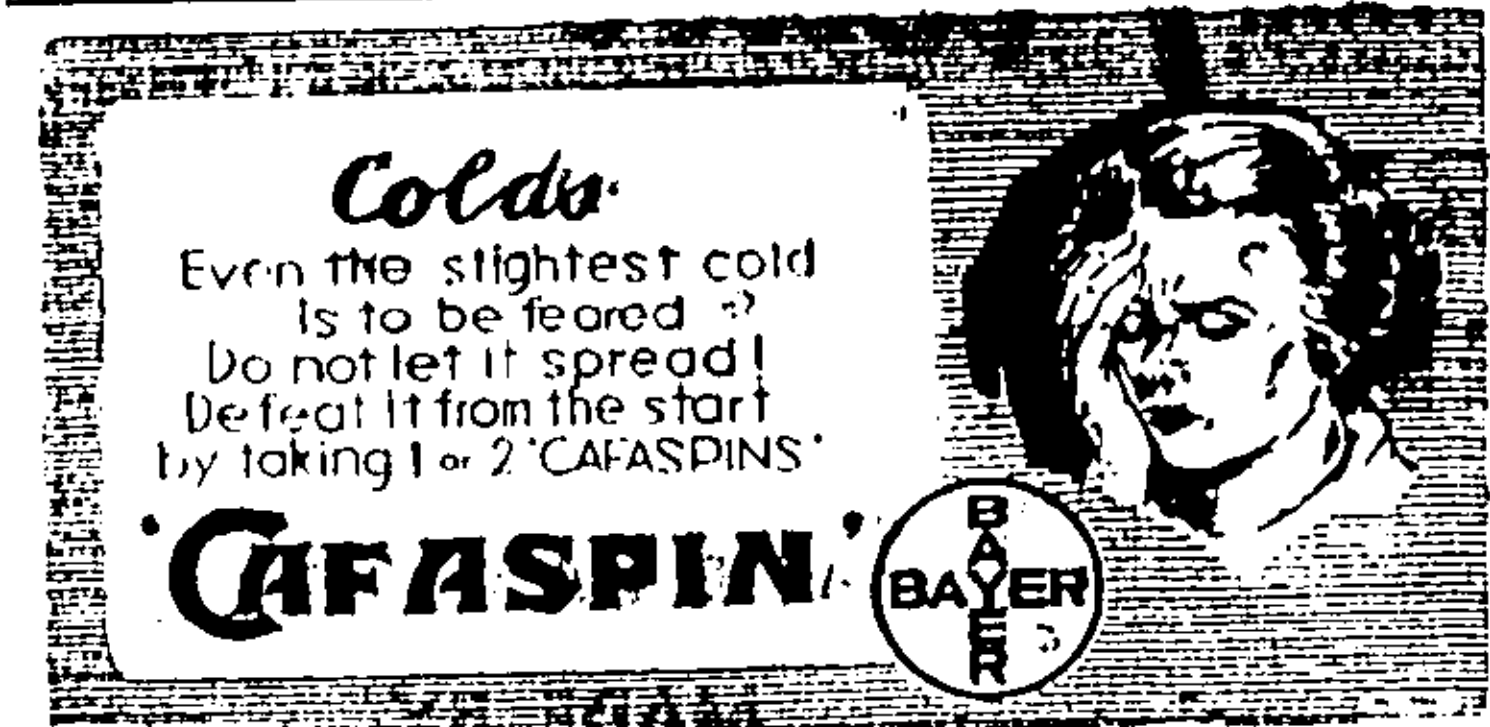
With a defensive record as good as a goal-scoring record that is better than the other side in the First Division, and a fine team spirit, I predict Preston for the Cup.

Look in the draw and on the card and find from figures that play a big part in any Cup competition. So let me widen my net by offering a short list of the Cup Chelsea, Wolves.

Taiwan Invited To Olympics

Taipei, Dec. 20.—The Nationalist Chinese National Athletic Association announced today it had received an invitation from Australia, the host country, to participate in the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

Dr. Guinon Hob, the chairman of the association, in making the announcement, said Taiwan would accept the invitation only if Red China was not invited. France-Press.



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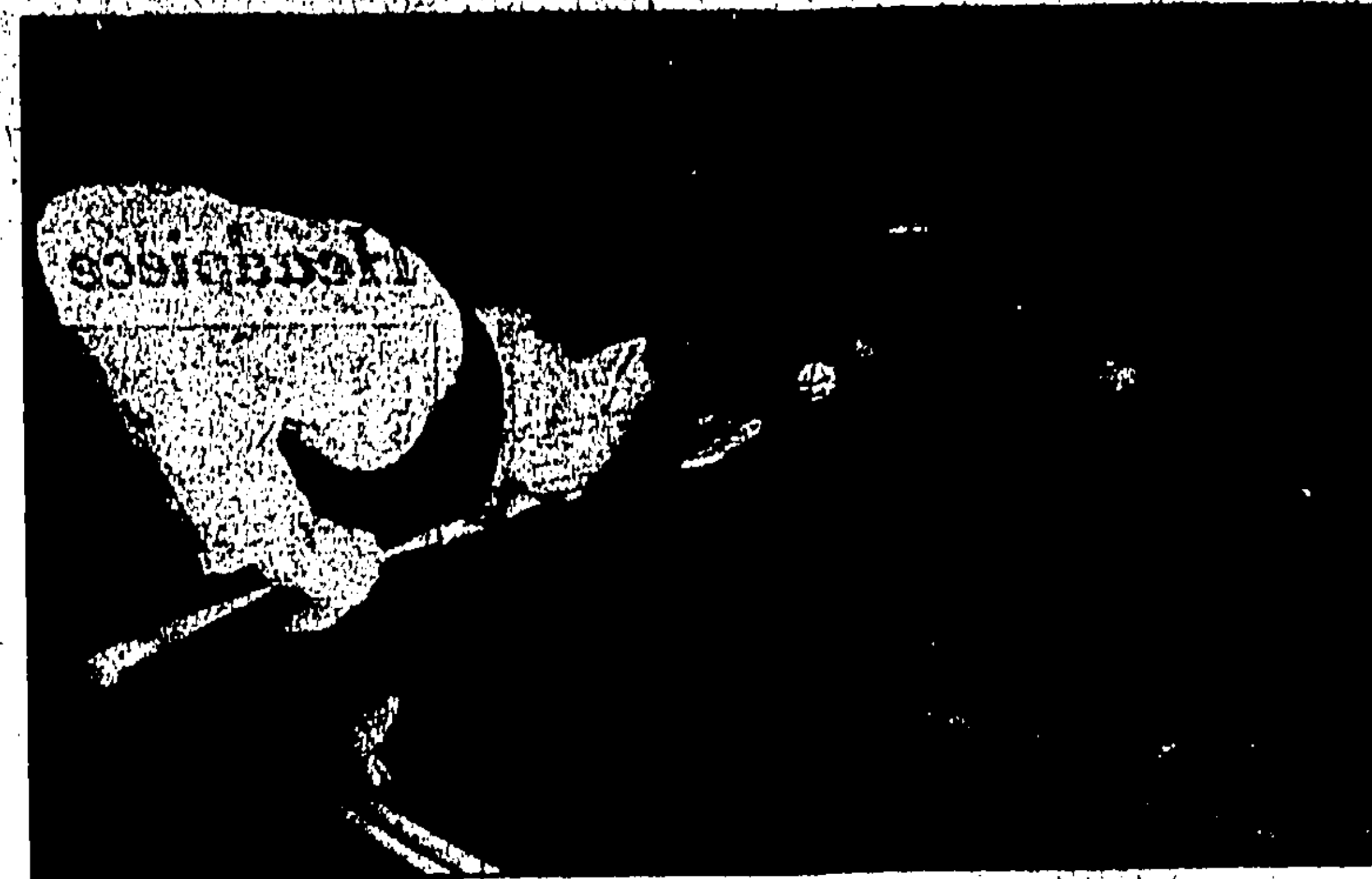
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PUSKAS, THE GALLOPING MAJOR

One Foot Was Enough To Make Him A Genius

By GEORGE ROBB

The first time I heard the name of Ferenc Puskas was back in 1952 in the Olympic village at Helsinki. I must say that it meant little to me—just as it would have produced not one raised eyebrow in Britain. Puskas then was almost unknown here.

Continental kept coming up and saying: "You should take a look at this Hungarian Puskas—he is the greatest inside-forward in the world." A sweeping statement.

MASTER-MIND

In just one year the fame of Puskas, Hungary's 27-year-old captain, alias the Galloping Major, had spread far beyond Helsinki.

In that time to every soccer fan he became the Magyar with his manager-mind, the scourge of Britain's footballers, the Hungarian soccer leader leading 10 able players.

Yet the first impression we formed of Puskas in Finland was: "He's just a one-footed player." No one recognized then that in that observation lay the one big secret of Puskas's soccer greatness. We have seen it all too well since.

Benefit Show For Sanders' Widow

Boston, Dec. 20.—Disputed Featherweight Champion Sandy Saddler will meet third-ranking Lulu Perez on January 17 in the 10-round feature bout of a boxing shot at the Garden for the benefit of the widow of Ed Sanders who died a week ago after being knocked out in the same ring.

Promoter Sam Silverman predicted a sellout for the match which, he said, is "long overdue" between the two New York fighters.

The National Boxing Association last week withdrew recognition of Saddler's title because of his failure to defend it since coming out of military service last March.

However, Saddler is still recognized as champion by other boxing organizations.

The title will not be at stake in the benefit bout—United Press.

FUNERAL
Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Funeral services were held today for former Olympic Games Heavyweight Boxing Champion Ed Sanders, who died a week ago in a professional bout for the New England heavyweight title.

Sanders succumbed after an 11th round knockout by Willie James in a scheduled 12-round fight in Boston.—United Press.

Invaluable Stroke—The Stun

How important is the "stun" stroke in snooker? Very important. It can be used to prevent the cue-ball following the object-ball into a pocket; it can be the means of obtaining that much needed snooker when you are seriously behind in points; and it can play a big part in your break-building.

Its value, in fact, can never be overrated; if you are not executing it with accuracy or do not feel confident when playing it, I strongly urge you to get down to some hard practice now.

In the photograph I have just potted a red and finished in position for the pink which is lying between its own spot and the blue spot.

The cue-ball is only a few inches from the pink, as you can see, and I am about to use the all important "stun" stroke for potting the pink into the top right-hand corner pocket; I want to gain perfect position on the last remaining red. I am stunning my cue-ball away from the pink with a three-quarter ball contact.

You can see that my bridge hand is much closer to the cue-ball than for ordinary strokes. Note, too, that I have a firm grip on the butt of the cue. And the tip of the cue is addressing the cue-ball just below centre.

IMPORTANT

Just below is important—for if you play the cue-ball too low, it will screw right back; it becomes, in fact, a screw shot; so remember—just below centre for the "stun" and as low as possible for the "screw."

Sometimes you want to play a stun shot so that the cue-ball runs on a few inches afterwards. This is something you will be able to learn easily as you become fully conversant with the stroke.

For practice in stunning the ball, place the blue on its own spot with the cue-ball a few inches away for a straight-line pot. Play to leave the cue-ball on the exact spot occupied by the blue. To do this you must address the cue-ball only a fraction higher than you would for the "screw."

The contacts for the "stun" are full ball or three-quarter ball; it is not possible to play a "stun" with a half-ball contact.

Next week we'll discuss the shot further—with the aid of diagrams.

Cohen Beats Ankarah

Paris, Dec. 20.—Robert Cohen, French holder of the World Bantamweight Championship, beat Roy Ankarah, the Gold Coast former British Empire Featherweight Champion, in the fourth round of their 10-round non-title bout here tonight.

Ankarah failed to answer the bell for the start of the fourth round. Cohen, who had not fought since taking the world bantamweight title from Chomeron Songklatrat of Thailand last September, was much faster than Ankarah tonight and overwhelmed the little Gold Coast boxer from close quarters.

In the second round Cohen landed some solid right hooks to Ankarah's head and it was obvious that Ankarah was in trouble.

Cohen battered him about the right side in the third, making him look like a novice when he got him on the ropes.

Ankarah remained in his corner when the bell went for the fourth round and Cohen was declared the winner. Cohen, at eight stone 10 pounds, was one and a quarter pounds heavier than Ankarah.

Cohen's right hand, injured during the title fight in Thailand, did not show any signs of damage on the few occasions he used it.

Ankarah was having his second fight within two weeks, having lost on points to British featherweight Sammy McCarthy in London on December 7.—Reuter.

Pakistan Names Possibles For First Test

Karachi, Dec. 20.—The Selection Committee of the Pakistan Cricket Board of Control has announced the names of 17 players from whom the team will be chosen to meet India in the first Test beginning at Dacca on January 1.

The final team will be announced on December 30. Of the players named, only three—Races, Mohammad, Mohammad Amina and Major Shamsi—were not included in the Pakistan side which toured England earlier this year.

The 17 are: Abdul Hafiz Kardar (captain), Fazal Mahmood (vice-captain), Inayat Ahmed, Masood Ahmed, Khan Mohammad, Hanif Mohammad, Lagar Hassan, Shujuddin, Wazir Mohammad, Zulquar Ahmed, Mahmood Hussain, Alimuddin, Ikram Elahi, M.E.Z. Chishti, Mohammad Amin, Races Mohammad and Major Shamsi.

Five Tests will be played on the tour, which will be India's first official visit to Pakistan.—Reuter.

Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Home Soccer fixtures for Saturday Dec. 20, Christmas Day, and Monday, Dec. 27. This extensive holiday programme sees each team playing an opponent twice in three days. League leaders Wolves entertain Everton at home on Christmas day, and then travel to Liverpool for the return.

DIVISION I

Saturday, Dec. 25
Aston Villa v Manchester U
Blackpool v Portsmouth
Bolton v Spurs
Burnley v Preston
Cardiff v West Ham
Charlton v Sheffield U
Manchester C v Newcastle
Sheffield U v Leicester
Sunderland v Huddersfield
Wolves v Everton
Monday, Dec. 27
Chelsea v Wolves
Huddersfield v Sunderland
Leicester v Sheffield U
Manchester U v Aston Villa
Newcastle v Manchester C
Sunderland v Huddersfield
Wolves v Bolton
West Ham v Cardiff

DIVISION II

Saturday, Dec. 25
Birmingham v Forest
Derby v Swansea
Fulham v Port Vale
Leeds v Middlesbrough
Sheff Wed v Bradford
Sunderland v Hull
Tottenham v Luton
Wolves v Burnley
Monday, Dec. 27
Blackburn v Manchester
Derby v Notts
Derby v West Ham
Derby v Luton
Derby v Liverpool
Leicester v Huddersfield
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DIVISION III (NORTH)

Saturday, Dec. 25
Bradford v Scunthorpe
Carlisle v Rochdale
Leicester v Huddersfield
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DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Saturday, Dec. 25
Aldershot v Colchester
Bournemouth v Weymouth
Brentford v Millwall
Bristol City v Reading
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

Saturday, Dec. 25
Celtic v Clyde
Dundee v Raith Rovers
East Fife v Kilmarnock
Falkirk v Dundee
Motherwell v Falkirk
Partick v Hearts
Stirling v Aberdeen
St. Mirren v Queen's Park

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

Saturday, Dec. 25
Airdrie v Alloa
Aberdeen v Queen's Park
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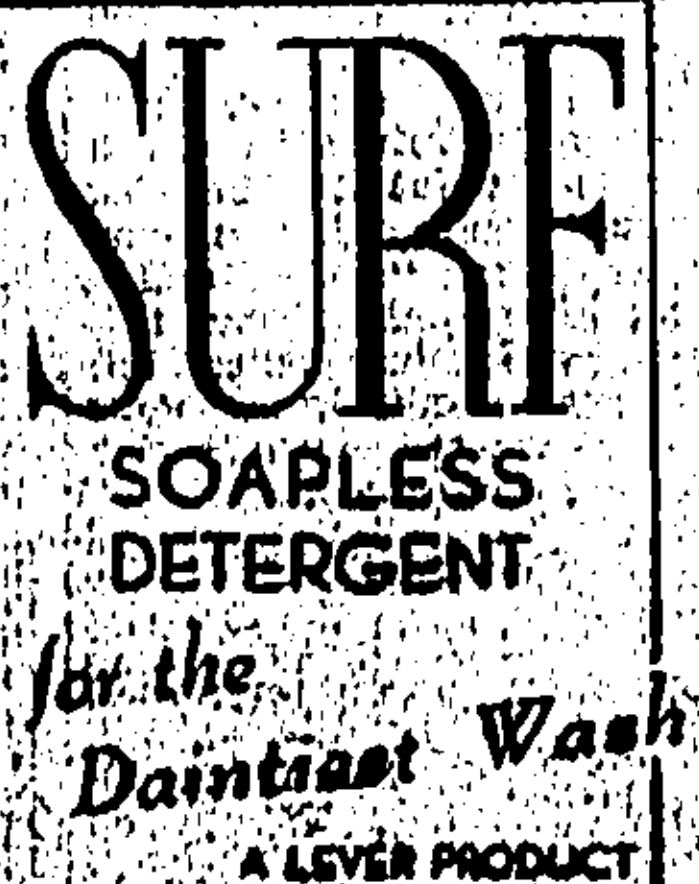


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WINNERS OF TRIANGULAR MATCH



The French fencing team who won the triangular match against Hungary and Italy in Paris. From left to right—Christian d'Ortola, J. Lefevre, A. Mouyal and Mlle. Renee Garlille.—Agence France-Press Photo.

RACING PIGEONS GENERALLY COME HOME

The Treble Winner Came In Ten Years Later At Its Fourth Attempt

By J. W. TAYLOR

The month of December in Britain opened with an event of prime importance to thousands of bird owners all over the country. It was the International Racing Pigeon Championship at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, the first for individual fanciers to be held anywhere in the world.

Leading British breeders and racers sent the pick of their lofts to compete against birds from Japan, South Africa, America, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Yugoslavia. The Japanese, South African and American entrants, flying over on specially booked air passages, were looked after on arrival by the British showmen until the proceedings began.

In addition to the international section catering for 13 countries, there were 30 classes

for British fanciers only, and altogether the show cages housed over 3,000 competing pigeons. Insured for close on £50,000.

This show spotlights a working man's hobby and sport which has now become almost an industry throughout Britain and in late years has attracted additional fanciers to the ranks from all walks of life, one and all taking great pride in the active interest in the sport taken by royalty, whose lofts at Sandringham have for many years now contained some very fine birds.

It is particularly flourishing in the North, where the record for a long-distance pigeon flight has been held ever since that day in 1913 when a homer sighted in a backyard at Spennymoor and made sporting history. It belonged to Harry Foster and Billy Scurr, and had flown over 1,000 miles in one day from Rome to County Durham.

GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY
Experts will tell you that it is the glorious uncertainty of pigeon racing that makes it so fascinating, a typical example of this being provided in the West Durham Amalgamation race this summer from Nevets.

This was won against thousands of crack entrants from Northern Lofts by two youngsters named Brown and White. Both novices at the sport, the birds surprised their owners by covering the 685 miles 685 yards at an average speed of 802 yards a minute.

During this year's busy season, British Railways carried close on a million racing pigeons from the North East alone to take part in races worth thousands of pounds in prize, stake and sweep money.

Six hundred van loads coaxed their way to various racing points in Britain and on the Continent, and 20 special trains and hundreds of other private waggon reservations were booked from the mining areas

of Northumberland and Durham. And the story is the same in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, the Home Counties and throughout the British Isles.

These fanciers, in co-operation with their fellows in many parts abroad, have built up a highly developed and widespread organization that works on an international basis with rules, regulations and a watchful hierarchy as stringent and powerful as those of other racing sports.

The big events from France to the North of England have to be arranged so that they do not clash with the Continental birds racing home. Even a pigeon, it seems, might prefer Paris to Spennymoor for the week-end.

With pigeon racing having travelled since the war, much care, patience and accuracy are needed to organise hundreds of seasonal races in which millions of birds at home and abroad take part in one season.

Organisers give as much as £50 for their fine clocks which meticulously record the time of a pigeon's return to the loft. Before racing all clocks concerned are synchronised to the split second and each sealed in such a fashion that the owner cannot tamper with the stamping mechanism which tells the fraction of a second the time taken from the bird's leg is put into a small tube and pushed through a slot in the clock for a faithful time recording. The distance, by the way, is measured to within five yards, and it is nearly a full-time job for one expert correctly to reckon up the actual mileage covered by a flight of pigeons racing from, say, Amiens to Kirk Merrington, or from Nevets to North Road, Darlington.

AIR MINISTRY HELPS
A racing pigeon's speed depends a great deal on wind and weather, and before a big race specially ordered detailed reports are obtained from the Air Ministry, just as would be done in respect of an aircraft.

In some instances, for long hops, the birds begin with a journey by plane to the Continental starting point, and complete "under their own steam". Under favourable conditions a bird can touch 60 miles an hour. The record speed for any pigeon is over 2,000 yards a minute.

But of all the thousands of pigeon fanciers throughout Britain, not one is able to solve the age-old mystery—how does the bird find its way home, which mysterious sense guides it on flights as long as a thousand miles?

There was the war-time pigeon released from a shot down British bomber over Norway in a November fog. The bird was back in its loft by breakfast-time. But the one that caused a flutter in the County Durham lofts was the treble winner of the Durham to Chichester race for owner F. G. Parkinson of Ushaw Moor. At the fourth attempt the bird called to clock in within thirty minutes, like the regulations limit. But it eventually came flying home—ten years later!

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Div. 1: Sing Tao v. Navy (Club)
4 p.m.
Meeting
Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee Meeting SCMI Post Box Room 4.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Men's "C" Div. Doubles: Police Reserves v. St. John's; St. Stephens v. Recreation; C.O. v. Kowloon Tong.
Soccer
Army: Major and Minor: United Challenge Cup First Round.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis
Finales of European Table Tennis Championships at the Stadium de France, Paris, commencing at 1 p.m.

NO RED CARPET FOR RUSSIAN TENNIS STARS LORD TEMPLEWOOD DROPS A CLANGER WHICH WILL ECHO ROUND THE WORLD

By DENNIS HART

Sport and politics do not mix. Especially when it's the politician who gets sporting ideas. Take the case of Lord Templewood, President of the Lawn Tennis Association.

Lord Templewood, former British Foreign Secretary, has held top government posts in the Admiralty, the Air Ministry and in Home Affairs. He was Britain's Ambassador to Spain in a special mission during the War. Educated at Harrow and Oxford, his academic and political achievements occupy five inches in Who's Who.

Clearly Lord T. should know the right thing to say and when to say it.

But no. He has dropped a clanger which will echo round the world—especially in the Soviet Union. And it will drown many a Christmas goodwill lullaby.

Lord Templewood, having generously admitted that he has no objection to Russians competing on Wimbledon's hallowed lawns—subject to conditions of course—went on to inform one and all at the LTA meeting that the Soviet conception of sport is "entirely objectionable".

He added that the Soviet's different outlook "must not result in a lowering of our standards of amateur play and sportsmanship".

With due deference, I submit his noble lordship is talking through his coronet.

He should climb down from his cushioned Wimbledon seat, canopy and all, to see what's going on in the wide world; to see the example in conduct set by Moscow Spartak footballers; the sportsmanship of runners like Vladimir Kuts, when run to earth by Chris Chataway, and of the Russian oarsmen who came to Henley.

So Russian sportsmen are aloof? When aloofness takes competitors above such things as childish decisions when decisions are given against them, it wouldn't come amiss—even at Wimbledon, Centre Court crowds are tired of show-off acts by tennis's prima donnas—male ones that is.

And amateurs? The very word is a standing joke in Lord T.'s own sport of lawn tennis. It is shared heartily by "tennis circus" stars who tour the world, staying in the best hotels and living off the fat of the land.

Everything is provided, from laundries to tennis stock, shoes. And they have enough expenses over to swell bank balances to healthy proportions. Healthy? They're darn robust. Amateurs? Come Lord T., be reasonable?

NOT CLEAR

The reason for Lord Templewood's attack isn't clear. Like most unreasonable utterances, it's probably due to fear—fear the Russians may expose Wimbledon's standards of play and behaviour.

Lord Templewood goes on to attack Russians for using sport "as an instrument of national prestige." Perhaps they do, although when Moscow Dynamo knocked Arsenal 5-0 the only prestige bleats came from Britain, who said they had lost it. Russia didn't claim to have gained prestige, anyhow.

And what country doesn't aim to boost themselves through sport? "It would be wrong to produce second-rate performances when representing my country," were the words of Britain's "true blue" amateur Roger Bannister when announcing his retirement recently.

JUST ANOTHER NAME

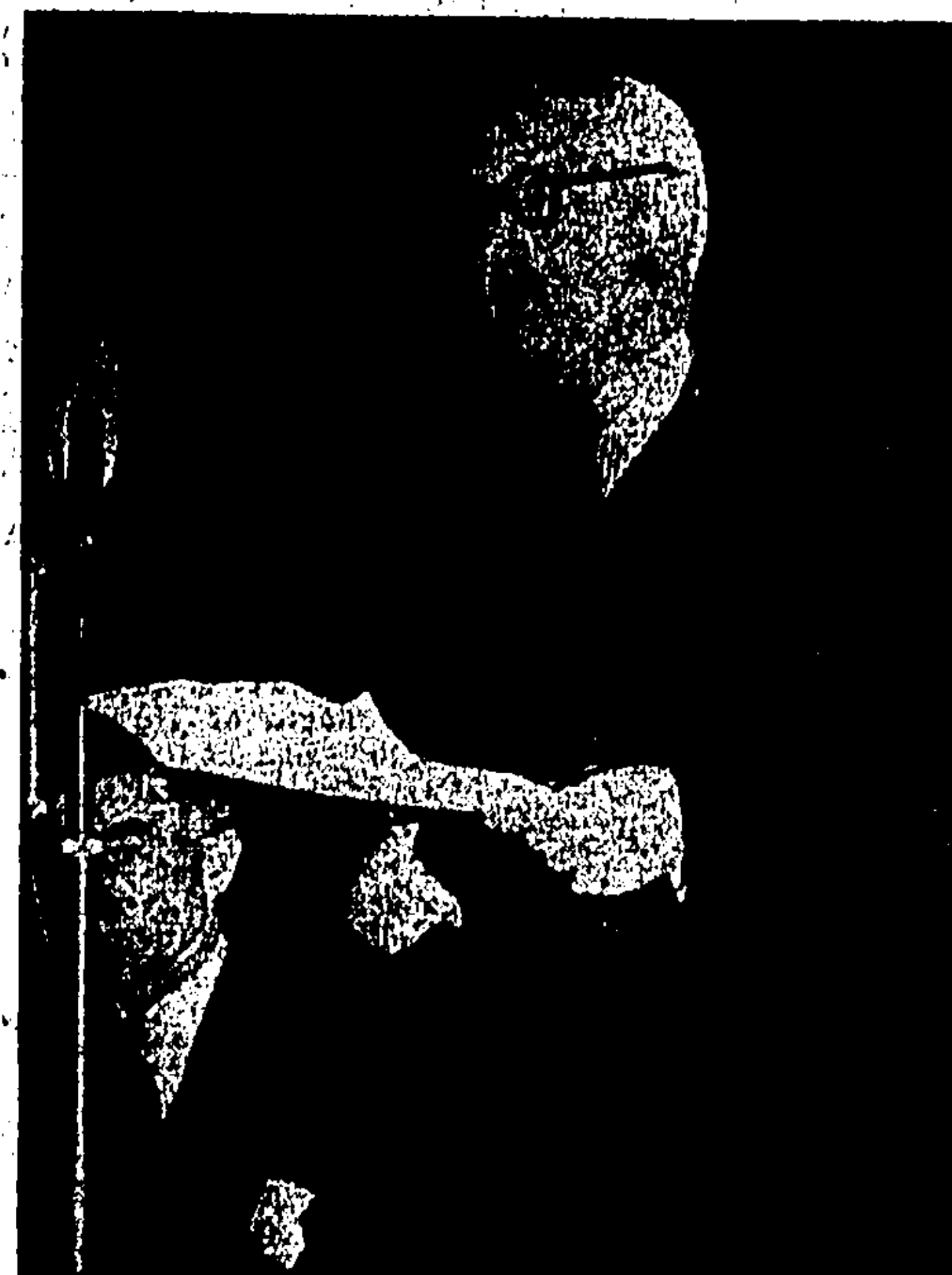
Russia, of course, gives her athletes state aid. She confers honours like "Master of Sport" a title they were proud to give Britain's own "true blue" amateur Roger Bannister when announcing his retirement recently.

Lord Templewood's final broadside concerns the "unscrupulous propaganda" that victory or defeat in a game is evidence of a country's decadence.

Agreed here Lord T. But who said it was? (London Express Service).

HOLE-IN-ONE

H. W. E. Hays, noted golf writer, has just published his 175th issue of the "Golf Digest" magazine. The magazine is published weekly, and is one of the most popular golf magazines in the world. It is published by the Hays Publishing Co., New York, N.Y.



In his Presidential address at the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, Lord Templewood declared: "If the Russians wish to play in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships it should be on conditions."

Their entry, he contended, should not result in a lowering of British standards and should be on the principle of athletic co-existence.—Reuterphoto.

PERFECT PRESENT

By HENRY LONGHURST

As the years advance, many will agree it to be more satisfying to know that one has given the right present to someone else than to receive a satisfactory one oneself.

If that be the case, let me set at rest the doubts of any who propose to make a presentation to a golfer. The answer is "The Complete Golfer," an anthology compiled by Herbert Warren Wind and published by Heinemann at 25s.

Mr Wind is an American and, though before the war he spent a couple of years at Jesus College, Cambridge, is not, on account of the currency restrictions which prevent any west-coast flow of books published solely in the United States, as widely known over here as he ought to be.

He is, as Bobby Jones says in his introduction, "devoted to golf, and a fine, sensitive writer on the game, whose works range from essays of the most accurately appreciative kind to some of the finest golf reporting I have ever read."

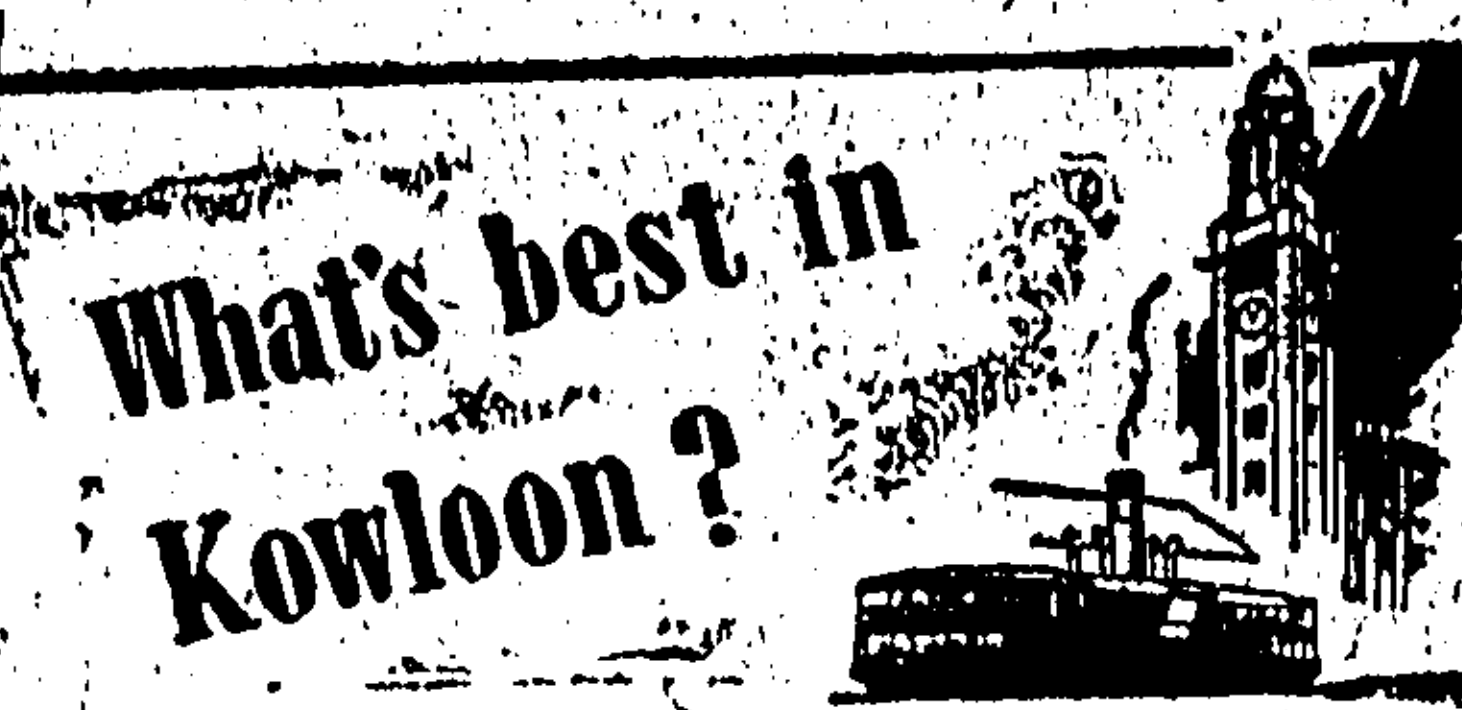
NOTABLE DOUBLE

With "The Complete Golfer," Wind completes a notable double. His monumental "Story of American Golf," outstanding by the fine work of its kind within my own knowledge, must assuredly prevent anyone attempting anything similar for the next 25 years. The present book will equally surely put paid to golfing anthologies.

A number of my colleagues, and indeed my humble self, could produce a passable anthology on golf in our own country, and so doubtless could a number of American writers in theirs, but I doubt whether anyone else could have captured so completely the cream of the golfing literature of both sides.

As the 30 pages of cartoons from 1900 to the present day prove Mr Wind is at home as much with "Punch" as with "The New Yorker," for which exacting journal he was for some years a special writer.

His plots have short stories—two with fine impartiality by American writers, two by English (P. G. Woodhouse and J. E. Spence) and one by Paul Gallico, who used to be one of "Punch" and may now by long residence be claimed as one of "The New Yorker." What he calls "The Spirit of the Game"



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S.A. FINANCE MINISTER CLARIFIES STATEMENT

Pretoria, Dec. 20.

Mr. Eric Louw, the South African Finance Minister, denied yesterday that he had hinted to a London newspaper correspondent that South Africa may not be represented at many more Commonwealth Prime Minister conferences.

Mr. Louw was referring to an interview with him published last week in a London newspaper.

His statement yesterday said that in the main the report was fair but that the reporter had slipped up rather badly when he wrote "Louw went on to hint that South Africa may not be represented at many more Imperial conferences."

GET FACTS STRAIGHT

In view of the fact that a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers — not an Imperial conference — would be held soon, it was necessary to get the facts straight, Mr. Louw said.

"I was referring to criticism in certain newspapers that Mr. Charles Swart (Minister of Justice) would not be able to stay for the full period of the conference and then I said the conference was being held at a most awkward time, namely, the beginning of the Parliamentary session."

"I added that if it were expected a member of the Union Cabinet were to attend future discussions, these would have to take place when the Union Parliament was not in session," Mr. Louw's statement concluded.

OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS

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More than \$44 million of Rolls-Royce engines and spares have been exported since 1946. Announcing this figure last week Mr. J. D. Pearson, Chief Executive of the Aero Division of Rolls-Royce, said that at present the company has a backlog of \$21 million in export orders.

Aero exports from the United Kingdom as a whole since 1946 have totalled \$332,000,000. At the present time the backlog of British orders for export is higher than it has ever been before.

The first Viscount of a stream of ninety new orders has been delivered to the Western Hemisphere. The airline is for Trans-Canada Air Lines, and within thirty months it will be followed by the remaining eighty-nine aircraft for T.C.A., Capital Airlines, British West Indian Airways, the Canadian Department of Transport and Linea Aeropostal Venezolana. This stream of new aircraft deliveries will bring to Great Britain well over 80,000,000 dollars.

must gases to provide heat, has already been proved by flights in the extreme low temperatures and ice-forming conditions of the Canadian winter. The cabin heating system maintains normal room temperature in the cabin even when flying at 20,000 feet with an outside air temperature of -50° Fahrenheit. For summer use, and for flights in sub-tropical climates, an air refrigeration device is fitted which prevents the cabin temperature from rising above 80° Fahrenheit.

MORE ECONOMICAL

The Viscount delivered to T.C.A. is an even more economical aircraft than the airline had originally expected to receive. Improvements to the Dart engines have reduced the fuel consumption by 9 per cent, and raised the cruising speed by 18 m.p.h. to 320 m.p.h.

The T.C.A. Viscounts are equipped with a new system of cabin pressure control which is self-regulating. Fully automatic, it adjusts the cabin pressure as the aircraft climbs to its required altitude, ensuring passenger comfort without adding to the duties of the aircrew.

These aircraft have been designed to suit a North American operator. They have American radio and numerous American instruments, with a special cockpit layout to suit transatlantic crews.

The deicing system, which makes use of the engine ex-

BOMBER TRAINER

The first twin-jet bomber trainer to go into service with the United States Air Force will be an American-built version of the English Electric Canberra, the Martin B57-C.

The U.S.A.F. has placed a production order for a number of these aircraft, for training purposes. The Canberra is already in service in the U.S.A.F. as a bomber, reconnaissance, night intruder and experimental aircraft. Now it is to be used for training in night-flying, navigation (from piston-engines to jet-flying) and converting single-engine pilots to twin-engine flying.

The American Canberra trainers will have full bombing equipment, so that they can be used for tactical roles as well as training should the need arise.

Every air traveller who has visited Zurich recently has admired what is one of the most up-to-date airports in Western Europe. Its equipment is in keeping with the modern layout with a new radar supervision system to ensure the safety of all aircraft within range. This is the Cossor Airfield Control Radar, which takes an important step forward in aviation electronics. It has a device which cancels out all permanent echoes from the radar screen. In country like the area surrounding Zurich, where the mountains give numerous echoes, this feature greatly assists the clear interpretation of traffic movements.

The Auster A.O.P.9, a spotter aircraft for observing artillery fire, has now completed its service trials. These were deliberately intended to strain the aircraft to the maximum, to reveal as quickly as possible any minor faults.

A team of two pilots worked in relays during the 150-hour period of the aircraft's service trials. The tests showed that the landing run of the A.O.P.9 is well under 100 yards.

HEAVY RAIN

During the twelve-hour period the plane was continuously flown out of and back to a stable field, criss-crossed with deep ruts. This was carried out in heavy rain, which resulted in the bogging of cars and even of the fire-tender, while the A.O.P.9 continued to land and take off unimpeded thanks to its low-pressure tyres.

During the trials over 1,000 take-offs and landings of the undercarriage proved fully able to cope with the worst ridges of the stable field.

"Aviation Week" says:— "PAA's Douglas DC-7Cs on order will be placed almost entirely in high-density seating, tourist-class service. The carrier's fleet of Boeing Stratocruisers, built as the best aeroplane for passenger comfort, will continue to handle greatest portion of first-class service, since the installation of improved turbo-superchargers and extra wing tanks is expected to enable PAA operate transatlantic non-stop Stratocruiser service about 85% of the time."

Nylon "tensile" nets — and anchor chains — are being used by the American Air Force in England to stop runaway jet aircraft. The idea will save aircraft from being damaged.

AT RIGHT ANGLES

The apparatus now being installed on stations in East Anglia consists of a net stretched at right angles across the runway and a steel rope which is attached to a destroyer's anchor chain.

It is claimed that a jet-aircraft can be stopped in 450 feet after clearing the net at 100 miles an hour.

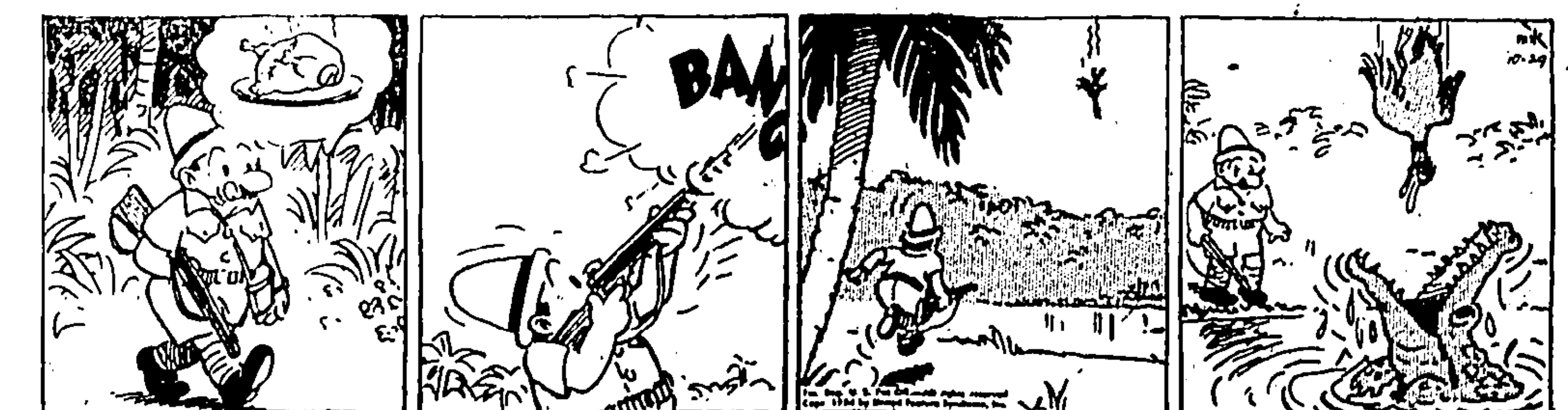
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'CLEAR PROGRESS' IN U.N.O.

1954 Activities Reviewed
IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS
DURING THE YEAR

The United Nations Organisation, which began 1954 under difficult conditions, has seen clear progress made during the recent annual General Assembly towards closing the gap between differing points of view among member countries.

During the first part of the year the great world powers clashed violently in the Disarmament Sub-Committee and the United States and the Soviet Union thrashed at the question of peaceful uses of atomic energy in an exchange of notes.

Resolution votes in debates on two questions have, nevertheless, wound up the issue of an important treaty.

The Palestine affair has been the top item in the Security Council, where the world saw the Soviet Union for the first time backing the Arabs in their struggle with Israel.

This Soviet participation brought the Middle East affairs, which until this year remained an isolated problem, into the battle of the "cold war."

Although there has been no merging of views on the question during 1954, at least the problem has been discussed a little more calmly during recent months.

SLOW PROGRESS
Attempts to bring about an agreement in the economic field have made slow but not discouraging progress.

The disarmament question has been mainly discussed by the Disarmament Sub-Committee which met in London from May 13 to June 22 this year.

Britain then endorsed suggestions made by France in June 1952. These suggestions which came to be known as the "Franco-British plan," were unanimously agreed upon by the General Assembly after slight amendments as the basis of discussions for the Disarmament Committee for the coming year.

This plan was designed to combine measures of control of conventional disarmament with steps to ban the use of mass destruction weapons.

In addition it provides for the automatic transition from

one set of measures to the next one as soon as international control has been effectively carried out.

SECURITY COUNCIL
Most of the year's debates in the Security Council had been taken up with the Arab-Israeli dispute. The Jordanian waters caused Syria to file a complaint against Israel.

The Kybala massacre in Jordan brought Jordanian charges against Israel.

On the other hand, Israel levelled charges against Egypt over the seizure of the Israeli ship the Bat Galim.

NO CLEAR STAND
In all these cases, the Security Council refrained from taking a clear stand, referring them back to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Another important item cropped up in the Security Council during June.

The affair was the Guatemalan revolution and the complaint that it was the victim of aggression by Honduras and Nicaragua.

The United States said that this was within the province of the central organisation of the American states and not the Security Council.

However, the Council finally decided that it was content with the adoption of the resolution proposed by France calling for the immediate end to all action liable to provoke bloodshed.

Several days later, the question ended with the fall of the Guatemalan Government which lodged the complaint which was withdrawn by the new government.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL
Of the two annual meetings of the Economic Council, that in the summer was the more important.

A close examination of the leading unanimous adoption of several important resolutions leads to several points.

These were the world economic situation, obstacles in the way of international trade of raw materials, the economic development of underdeveloped countries, particularly from the financial angle and the enlarged programme of technical assistance.

Mr. Juan Carlos, the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council, summed up the Council's work by saying that progress was naturally extremely slow regarding these problems and could only be brought about at the price of great and unceasing efforts.

He said that nevertheless he was encouraged by the results obtained.—France-Press.

Young A/B To Marry Girl He Knew For 5 Days

Miss Rose Cathcart of Honolulu arrived in the Colony by PAA plane this morning to wed A/B Victor Painter of H.M.S. Newcastle.

The couple had met each other for the first time eight months ago when H.M.S. Newcastle anchored in Honolulu en route to the United Kingdom.

They knew each other for only five days but they kept up a steady correspondence since.

Miss Cathcart said that they would be married before Christmas at the H.M.S. Tamar, Chichester.

Asked if she was looking forward to living in England, Miss Cathcart said: "I would like to stay in Hongkong for a while, A/B Painter is from Lewes, Sussex."

EXTENSION GRANTED

An application was made by the Chung Wah Metal Co. Ltd. of 470 Shanghai Street, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning for an order that the period of time to file a return of allotment of shares with the Registrar of Companies be extended.

Mr. S. V. Gittins, instructed by Messrs. Lau, Chan and Ko, appeared for the Company and said the failure to file the return was due to ignorance and negligence in finding out the requirements of the law on the part of the Company's accountant, and was entirely inadvertent. When the return was presented to the Registrar of Companies in 1951, it was rejected as it was out of time.

His Lordship enquired why there had been a delay of three years in completing the requirements.

Mr. Gittins said that after the Registrar of Companies refused the application, the Company sought a firm of solicitors but nothing was done by the latter. Subsequently on receiving a notice from the Registrar the Company changed their solicitors and the matter was put in hand at once.

His Lordship made the order in the terms of the application and granted an extension of time of one week.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My dad's been hinting that I ought to hint I want an electric train for Christmas—should I humor him?"

TORIES EXPECT TO HOLD INVERNESS SEAT

Inverness, Dec. 21.
Sir Winston Churchill's Conservatives expect to retain their Parliamentary seat with a solid majority in a by-election today in this famous Scottish highlands centre.

The Inverness Parliamentary division, geographically the largest constituency in the British Isles, is scattered over 4,200 square miles of the highlands and islands off the west coast of Scotland, among them Skye, Elgo, Rhum and Nuck.

The election was caused by the resignation of Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton.

HIGHLAND INTEREST
He had a majority of 10,130 votes in a straight fight with Labour in the 1951 General Election.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Marches around the world—Vanguard Military Band; 6.30, "First Hearing" presented by Hugh Sullivan (Studio); 6.50, Weather report; 7.00, Sunday News (London Relay); 7.10, Commentary (London Relay); 7.20, Special Announcement; 7.30, Interview for Music with Frank Brown and his Sextet (BBC); 7.50, Test Cricket; 8.00, Australia—England; 8.10, 4th day of the 2nd Test Match at Sydney (London Relay); 7.40, Forces Favourites (London); 8.00, La Demi-Heure; 8.05, "Hambro's Row"—A Serial; 8.15, Episode 6 (Final) (Recorded)—Cast: Donald Ross (Neville), Ross (Parker), Faith Butler, Philip Pearce (Stan Lloyd), Lancelotti (Dorothy Reilly), 8.20, Church Sunday School; 8.30, Mr. Blaker (John Little), Chief Inspector Talaver (Reginald Glynn); 8.35, Common (Alec Horrie); 8.40, Shorthouse (Alec Horrie); 8.45, Lambeth (Reginald Glynn); 8.50, The Musical Comedy; 9.00, The Musical Comedy; 9.10, The Musical Comedy; 9.20, The Musical Comedy; 9.30, The Musical Comedy; 9.40, The Musical Comedy; 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